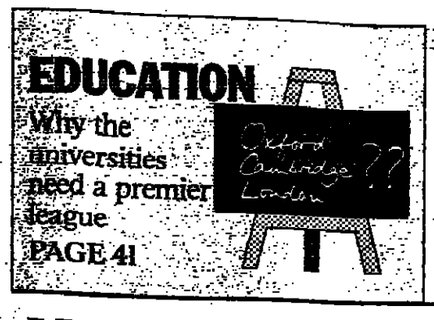
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Hero's welcome as Northern Ireland is implored to stand firm against terror

Clinton hails the making of a miracle

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND NICHOLAS WATT

PRESIDENT CLINTON was given a hero's welcome yesterday as he travelled triumphantly round Northern Ireland preaching reconciliation and injecting vital momentum into the peace process.

During a visit unthinkable two years ago, Mr Clinton was mobbed in the Protestant stronghold of Belfast's Shankill Road and the Catholic Falls Road. He plunged into wildly enthusiastic crowds in Londonderry draped in stars and stripes. He openly embraced political leaders of every persuasion, from Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams to hardline Unionists.

Mr Clinton also delivered one of the finest speeches of his presidency at a non-sectarian factory on the infamous Belfast peace line, telling the people of the Province that they were "making a miracle".

He implored them to stand firm against terror and to tell those who would still use violence for political objectives: "You are the past; your day is over." Northern Ireland had "a chance not only to begin anew but to be a real inspiration to the rest of the world, a model of peace through tolerance".

Invoking the full weight of his office, Mr Clinton appealed to both Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists to embrace the "twin-track" plan for reviving the peace process and to be willing to make concessions. "Engaging in honest dialogue is not a sign of surrender, it is an act of strength and common sense."

He also urged the IRA to end punishment beatings, but leavened his demands with praise of both Mr Adams and the militant Unionist leaders Gary McMichael and David Ervine for silencing the guns and bringing Ulster its first peace in a generation.

He said those who renounced violence were entitled to be full participants in the democratic process and he finally rewarded Mr Adams the recognition of a public handshake.

Last night the White House was planning to bring Mr Clinton and the Rev Ian Paisley together at a Queen's University reception after the lighting of the Belfast City Hall Christmas tree. What remained unclear was whether the Democratic Unionist leader would cap a day of marvels by attending the reception at the same time as Mr Adams. The two have never been in the same room.

The day's tone was set early on at the Mackies metal factory in West Belfast where Mr Clinton was greeted with a thunderous ovation by the non-sectarian workforce, and by a Protestant boy and a Catholic girl who held hands to introduce him. The President, clearly moved, said the ceasefire announced 15 months ago marked a turning point and "now is the time to sustain that momentum and lock in the gains of peace".

The vast majority of Protestants and Catholics wanted to make permanent peace, but there were still a few who would "never escape the dead-end street of violence". The people of Northern Ireland "must not allow the ship of peace to sink on the rocks of old habits and hard grudges," and he pledged that as long they pursued peace, "the United States of America will proudly stand with you".

Later, as he and his wife Hillary lit the Belfast Christmas tree, the President told thousands of cheering onlookers that it had been one of the most remarkable days of their lives. "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making us so welcome."

Children and adults climbed onto bus shelters and post boxes to catch a sight of the American leader as he joked about the competition he had faced to turn on the lights. He had fought elections all his life, but had never before confronted challengers with the name recognition, media support and martial arts ability of the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.

Mrs Clinton read letters from two Irish children expressing their happiness at the end of violence and announced that they would be flown to America to attend a

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Catherine Hamill with President Clinton, who said that the children made his speech seem almost superfluous

Poignant message from children

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A LITTLE girl provided the most poignant moment of President Clinton's visit to West Belfast yesterday when she stood up and told him: "My first daddy died in the Troubles. It was the saddest day of my life."

Catherine Hamill, a nine-year-old Roman Catholic, had gone up to the podium hand-in-hand with Protestant David Sterrit to read letters they had written to welcome Mr Clinton to Mackies factory.

Catherine had been a baby sitting on her mother's knee when the Ulster Freedom Fighters burst into their home and shot her father, Patrick, in 1987, and yesterday she said: "I still think of him." But she also spoke of her hopes for the future, saying: "Now it is nice and peaceful. I like having peace and quiet for a change instead of people shooting and killing. My Christmas wish is that peace and love will last in Ireland forever."

David, 11, also read his letter, which said: "I live in a mixed area with both Catholics and Protestants. We play football and races together. I want to thank you for coming to Northern Ireland to help the peace process. I think the peace is great because there is no shooting or bombing. It means I can play in the park without worrying about getting shot."



Catherine with her father, killed 8 years ago

The two children then held their hands aloft to welcome Mr Clinton to West Belfast. The President hugged them and told his 500-strong audience: "I really think that all that needs to be said has already been said."

Catherine said afterwards that Mr Clinton had told her he was proud of her and he had added a note to her letter saying: "Catherine, this is a lovely statement. Thank you for joining me. Bill Clinton."

David, who is awaiting the results of his 11-plus, and Catherine were chosen to read their letters after pupils at their schools were asked to write a welcome, and the President said later that they were the most moving part of his visit to Northern Ireland. "They represented all those children . . . who have written to me about what peace means to them. Those two children joined hands to introduce me. I felt almost as if my speech was superfluous."

Libyan's murder linked to 'UK arms racket'

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE opponent of the Libyan regime who was stabbed to death in London on Sunday was murdered because he had helped the Italian authorities to smash an arms-smuggling ring of British companies, the police in Rome said yesterday. The British firms were breaking the United Nations arms embargo against Tripoli.

Ali Mehmed Abuzeid is believed to have given information that led to the police in Genoa and Turin seizing more than ten tons of spares for Nato fighter and transport aircraft. The parts, worth several million pounds, were being sent by the British firms, with the help of Canadian, American and German sanction-busting companies, to Libya, the police said.

The Italian police added that all the firms involved were officially appointed Nato suppliers. They also said that they had impounded a container of C130 military transport aircraft and other plane spares on board a freighter, the Italian-registered *Vis*, in Genoa, from where it had been about to sail for Libya. They had seized a second container at a Turin airport.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's regime is believed to be in desperate need of spare parts for its six troop-carrying aircraft. The aircraft would be used to fly soldiers quickly to remote parts of Libya if dissidents attempted a coup.

☐ **London sceptical:** The police and intelligence agencies in London have ruled out the theory that Abuzeid was the victim of a Tripoli government hit squad (Michael Evans and Stewart Tendler write). They said that if he had given information about arms smuggling, it was more likely to have been about a criminal racket than a Libyan government undercover operation.

ITV wins Cup Final battle

ITV has secured exclusive rights to screen the FA Cup Final from 1998 in a deal which will end 60 years of BBC coverage of the event.

In a £130-million, four-year agreement, ITV and Sky Television will provide live coverage from the third round of the competition onwards, with the BBC restricted to screening recorded highlights on Saturday eveningsPage 48

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Council tax and stamp increases

BY A STAFF REPORTER

COUNCIL tax payers face increases of up to 15 per cent in bills next year and the price of stamps is to rise by a penny in the spring.

The expected increases in council tax emerged after the Government relaxed rules curbing town hall budgets. The move, announced by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, was designed to ensure that the higher government grants allocated in the Budget for education get spent on schools.

Post Office chiefs blame the Government for the rise in stamp prices. Ministers have increased the sum they claim from the Post Office. Labour accused the Government of introducing a new "stamp duty" to pay for Tuesday's tax cuts.

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Yachtswoman abandons solo bid for record

BY EDWARD GORMAN AND BARRY PICKTHALL

SAMANTHA BREWSTER, the solo yachtswoman attempting to set a new record for sailing around the world against the prevailing winds and currents, was forced to abandon her voyage yesterday after just a month at sea.

The decision came after accidents linked to the mast of her 67 ft cutter *Heath Insured*. The failure of the new hi-tech mast could have serious ramifications for the Global Challenge round-the-world race next September.

Miss Brewster, who is heading for the Brazilian port of Santos, spoke last night of her despair at having to abort the voyage. In an interview with *The Times* by satellite link from her boat, she said: "It is so frustrating, but I have been having problems with the mast for more than a week now. I would never feel secure going on down into the Southern Ocean as it is."

Her problems began when fittings securing the mainsail to the mast started to come away, preventing her from setting the sail and reducing her speed. Two days ago a 50 lb winch attached to the bottom of the mast suddenly ripped out and catapulted to the top.



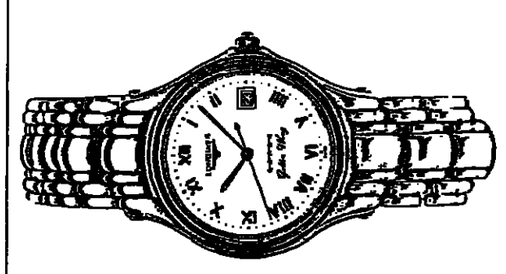
Brewster: felt as if a bomb had dropped

In a message to her shore-based team in Southampton, Miss Brewster recalled the perilous moment when the winch almost hit her as it plunged down. "I found the starboard winch had been ripped right off the spar," she said. "Seconds later there was a great splash in the water, just as if a bomb had dropped by the boat. It was the winch coming back down again and it missed me on the deck by little more than a foot."

The premature end of the voyage is a cruel blow to Miss Brewster, who was on course to beat the record time of 161 days set for a westabout circumnavigation by Mike Golding on board *Group 4* in a voyage completed last year.

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Operator of Royal Train to be sold

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE British Rail company that operates the Royal Train is about to be sold to an American freight group.

The 15 coaches of the Royal Train are operated by Rail Express Systems (RES), which also runs the fleet of Post Office distribution and sorting trains. It is due to be sold next month. Wisconsin Central Railway, which operates freight trains in North and South America, has been chosen by BR as the preferred bidder for RES after the management-buyout team failed to offer enough.

Ownership of the train will remain with Railtrack, which is not due to be sold until next Spring.

Wisconsin is widely respected in the rail industry and has also tabled bids for British Rail's three heavy freight subsidiaries. It also operates some passenger trains in New Zealand.

The Royal Train, with its distinctive purple and grey livery, costs about £2.8 million a year to run but is used by members of the Royal Family for about only 100 days a year.

The sale will not affect the Royal Family's use of the train, which is paid for by the Government. RES supplies the drivers and attendants on the train.

Tom Power, a vice-president of the Chicago-based Wisconsin Central Railway, said the contract to run the train would not present any problems as one of its subsidiaries in Canada once carried George Bush on a tour when he was US President.

☐ *The Government's rail privatisation programme suffered another blow yesterday when it emerged that one of its "preferred" bidders for passenger franchises is having difficulties raising finance from the City.*

Resurgence Railways, a consortium of business executives including a Tory party official from John Major's Huntingdon constituency and the former director of a failed double glazing company, had been chosen to take over the Great Western InterCity franchise.

It failed to meet its two-week deadline to secure financial backing.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Weasels have a feast as leaders duck for cover

Prime Minister's Questions is usually absurd but mostly harmless. The pantomime can often be viewed with amused cynicism. It can even be fun. But there are times when even cynics feel indignant, and yesterday was one of them. What sort of imbeciles do John Major and Tony Blair think we are? How weasely does a weasel have to get before our leaders think we might recognise it?

Mr Blair had asked Mr Major to correct a statement by the Tory chairman, Brian Mawhinney, who (alleged Blair) had said that "as a result of the Budget, the average family will be £9 a week better off".

This was a weasel, as Dr Mawhinney had not said that. What Dr Mawhinney had said was: "Budget changes, together with rising incomes, will leave a family on average earnings £9 a week better off ... This is the £9 per week Budget." Notice how he slips in that subordinate clause "together with rising incomes", then weasels sideways into his "£9 per week Budget" soundbite.

We can therefore dub Mawhinney's statement as Weasel 1: true only in the letter. Blair's paraphrasing of it was Weasel 2: nearly but not quite fair.

Major ducked. The Prime Minister could have knocked both weasels on the head if he had been prepared to quote his own party chairman in full. But he could not show up the Labour weasel without exhibiting the Tory weasel. So he took the escape route: he produced a third weasel. This consisted in attacking what he alleged were Mr Blair's own misleading statements in his reply speech after the Budget. This, Weasel 3, had nothing to do with Blair's question. Major now challenged Blair to answer *him*.

Blair rose. He sidled round Major's question and prodded Weasel 4 from the sack. He reminded MPs that £7 of the £9 increase in family income came from rising income: why had Mawhinney not admitted this? In fact, Mawhinney had half-acknowledged it, but in a weasely way. Blair's weasel and Mawhinney's weasel deserved each other.

Major rose. This was his chance to knock four weasels on the head. Instead he produced Weasel 5. Blair's promise that Labour would not raise taxes, he said, contradicted John Prescott's pledge to increase top-rate tax. This had absolutely nothing to do with the discussion, but the PM now challenged his opponent to explain.

Blair ducked. "I'll tell him what people will recall," he said, then produced two soundbites of such hog-whimpering banality that they do not even deserve the name of weasel. They were gerbil soundbites.

Major rose, tipped open the sack and released more weasels: interest rates down, incomes up, tax reduced, etc — none of these bearing any relation to Blair's remarks. Weasels were by now running across both dispatch boxes and swarming all over the table. Both Blair and Major resumed their seats, each with a smug "so there!" expression, each apparently believing he had won.

Each, of course, looked perfectly idiotic. Who do they think they are kidding?

Is the John Major who even now pursues brave, delicate negotiations over Northern Ireland with such sure-footed sensitivity by any chance related to the badger-like deadweight throwing down thudding insults to the nation's intelligence at PM's Questions?

Is the Tony Blair whose language on a hundred podiums is of honesty, integrity and "values" by any chance related to the wheedling Iago of the dispatch box, insinuating, in the thin tenor of a stage villain, half-truth and evasion?

I think we should be told.

Spirit of reconciliation welcomed by both sides

CRISPIN RODWELL



Arms reaching out yesterday to welcome the President in Guildhall Square, Londonderry, where thousands gathered to greet him

Unionists and nationalists join in praise of President's visit

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S visit to Northern Ireland, which led to a genuine outpouring of affection from both communities, far exceeded the expectations of British ministers and the White House.

Unionists and nationalists joined together in praising the President for adopting a sensitive and even-handed approach to the Province's political difficulties during his trips to Belfast and Londonderry. Politicians also said that Mr Clinton's presence in areas of the cities that are still scarred by 25 years of violence would be a tremendous boost in attracting inward investment.

The spirit of reconciliation was highlighted from the start of Mr Clinton's trip when he was welcomed to Mackie's Metal Works on the "peace line" in West Belfast by Joe Hendron, the local SDLP MP, and Cecil Walker, the Ulster Unionist MP for North Belfast. The two men have travelled the world extensively to promote their constituencies, which are blighted by high unemployment.

Dr Hendron gave a warm welcome to Mr Clinton's speech. He said: "His speech was outstanding. I was very pleased to hear him condemn the punishment beatings. It is a great day for Belfast and a good day for Northern Ireland generally." He added: "When you talk to the President he is totally genuine. His eyes do not rush about, he really listens. People say this was electioneering but that does not take away from a great day."

Mr Walker also welcomed the President's speech, although he described it only as acceptable. "I am very pleased for North and West Belfast that he has come here. I hope that there will be spin-offs with more jobs from his visit," he said.

Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists and MP for East Belfast, who has been a persistent critic of the President, highlighted the economic benefits of his visit. Mr Robinson, who met Mr Clinton during his visit to the East Belfast Enterprise Park, said: "His visit has provided East Belfast with a window to the world. The job we had to do today was to sell East Belfast and let people know that here is a place that you can invest in."

In his speech at the Mackie's factory, which is within yards of the scene of many so-called punishment beatings, President Clinton highlighted the continuing threat of violence in Northern Ireland despite the IRA and Loyalist ceasefires.

"Violence has lessened, but it has not disappeared," he said. The President emphasised a recent statement by the leaders of the four main churches in Ireland which condemned the attacks as "barbaric and immoral".

The IRA and loyalist terrorists have continued to assert control over their respective areas throughout Northern Ireland by carrying out some of the most horrific punishment attacks in the last year. The terrorists, who cannot use firearms under the terms of their respective ceasefires, attack their victims with baseball bats and iron bars. In one case a boy's legs were forced through an iron railing by IRA terrorists in the republican Ardoyne area of north Belfast. Such attacks can be worse than wounds from knee-capping shootings.

In the most recent case five masked IRA terrorists beat a man about the head with hammers before abducting him from his girlfriend's home in Strabane, Co Tyrone. John Hegarty, 19, was found the next day by an RUC patrol with severe bruises all over his body and deep cuts to his face.

The terrorists say that they attack "anti-social elements", claiming that their victims have committed offences such as joyriding.

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Bruton announces move on invitations to talks

INVITATIONS to talks under the terms of the new Northern Ireland peace process twin-track approach are to be relayed to Ulster's political parties today, John Bruton said last night.

Speaking in Dublin ahead of President Clinton's arrival there this morning, the Irish Prime Minister also said he believed the American leader's visit was having "a huge influence" in encouraging politicians to follow the line adopted by the British and Irish governments this week.

The discussions are being staged side-by-side with the work of the international body on the thorny issue of decommissioning arms. Its full membership under the chairmanship of George Mitchell, the American Senator, was confirmed last night by the British and Irish governments. General John de Chastelain, 58, Canadian Defence Chief of Staff since 1989, who has also been Canadian Ambasssador in Washington, and Harri Holkeri, also 58, Prime minister of Finland between 1987 and 1991 and a member of the board of the Bank of Finland, have both agreed to serve on the three-man commission.

The aim is for both the preparatory talks and the three-man body's task to be completed in time for all-party negotiations on the future of Northern Ireland to get under way by the end of February.

Mr Bruton said he believed Mr Clinton's day of engagements on the northern side of the Irish border — the first visit there of its kind by an American President — "would do wonders for the morale of the people". He added: "It will show the peace they have been able to build is recognised by the most powerful politician in the world.

"I think that will give them and their political leaders the confidence that they need to make the compromises, to give the ground that is essential if the potential of the twin-track process is to be realised.

"The timing could not be better. It was very important that we got the structure together so that the President could give us the boost that was necessary."

The Irish Prime Minister added: "I expect the invitations to the parties will be extended in the next 24 hours. No time frame has been set for the meetings. There will be a measure of flexibility."

Bomb-blast hotel's finest hour

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

BELFAST'S Europa Hotel celebrated its finest hour yesterday. Two years after a 1,000lb IRA bomb rocked the hotel for the thirtieth time in 23 years, the Clintons spent the night there.

The rest of the 12-storey hotel was packed with American cabinet secretaries, senators, congressmen, White House aides and the mayors of various American cities.

The hotel was built in 1970, and became a prime terrorist target because the media stayed there and attacking it guaranteed publicity. It struggled on under several owners, sometimes closing temporarily for rebuilding, sometimes open only partially, but never succumbing. No guest was ever killed.

President hails the making of a miracle

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summer camp next year, then Mr Clinton inaugurated a President's Prize to be awarded annually to grassroots workers for peace to study in America.

Mr Clinton made a point of meeting all the Province's political leaders during a hectic day of speeches and glad-handing and won praise for his efforts. "This will reverberate for months," Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's vice-president, said.

John Hume, the Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, told the vast crowd waiting to see the President in the Guildhall Square, Londonderry: "We, on our streets, who knew for the past 25 years what the absence of peace has meant, are deeply grateful to the President of the United States for putting our problems at the top of his agenda and for the enormous effort that he has put into bringing peace into our country."

The success of Mr Clinton's trip was underlined when he was welcomed by Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, who has previously condemned the President for being strongly pro-nationalist.

Mr Robinson, who met Mr Clinton during his visit to the East Belfast Enterprise Park, said: "Something good has come from this trip in that it required the Administration to look at Northern Ireland and to look at it more objectively than they had beforehand."

His comments were echoed by Gary McMichael, the Ulster Democratic Party leader, who said: "The president's visit will help to improve the atmosphere."

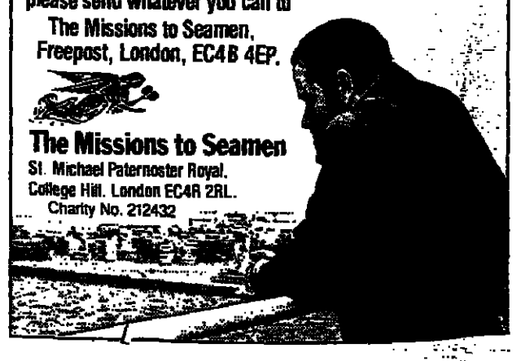


Charles II hid up an oak; Isaac Newton found inspiration beneath an apple tree. Some yews have been shading English churchyards since St Augustine's time, and others are older still. But then every old tree has its history, which is why we're protecting landmark trees with our Esso Living Tree Campaign. So one day our great great grandchildren shall have them to climb in, and be grateful.

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President stops off at the baker's for a bag of buns and walks out with Gerry Adams

Fruitful visit is hailed on streets of peace

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BELFAST

BILL CLINTON popped into McErlean's bakery in the Falls Road yesterday for a bag of Irish potato cakes and who should be having a coffee in the back shop but Gerry Adams.

It is, to say the least, unlikely that as the motorcade snaked its way through the Roman Catholic heartland of West Belfast, the President of the United States turned to the First Lady and said: "Hey Hillary, I'm kinda peckish: you wait there and I'll go get us an ethnic snack." Spontaneity is not the overriding feature of presidential progress.

Yet, despite the presence of a huge media circus including the fearsome White House press corps, only a couple of amateur photographers were on hand to record the moment when the Sinn Fein leader put down his coffee and emerged on to the pavement to shake the hand of his visitor and welcome him to West Belfast.

Presidential security men talked frantically to their sleeves as the substantial crowd on the pavement broke ranks and pressed around the two men as they walked together into the shop. Mr Clinton smiling broadly and, clearly at ease, shook hands with all the shop assistants. Pauline Leonard, the manager, who swore she had had only 20 minutes' warning, hastily put a selection of potato cakes, pancakes and pastries into a paper bag and presented them to the President.

Mr Adams had obviously been better informed. "I was expecting to meet him; I thought it was important that he touch base in West Belfast," he said afterwards.

Next door the staff of the Dunville pharmacy were banging furiously on the inside of their window to attract the President's attention. They opened the door to him, but the President apologised that he did not have time to come in. Nevertheless he shook everyone's hand and a young woman threw her arms around him and kissed him. The sleeve-talk by the secret service agents in their regulation pale mackintoshes reached fever pitch.

By calling at the bakery, the President was being no more than carefully even-handed. Earlier, as the 30-car motorcade sped from Aldergrove airport to the city, it made what appeared to be a genuinely unscheduled stop at Violet's fruit and flower shop in the Protestant Shankill Road.

Mr Clinton ordered his driver to stop and he and his wife strolled into the shop. "Hello, I'm Bill Clinton and this is my wife Hillary," he told Violet Clarke politely but unnecessarily. Mrs Clarke, 31, was briefly speechless, then managed to reply: "Welcome to Northern Ireland."

"This is my first port of call," said the President, shaking hands with everyone. He then bought two red apples, two green ones and a bunch of flowers. He produced three £1 coins and handed them over. Mrs Clarke was in such a swoon that she forgot to tell him the price or to give him his change.

She said afterwards that the visit had been completely unexpected and that she had not been checked out in advance by security men — or at least not as far as she knew. Yet her shop is close to the spot where, in October 1993, a bomb planted in Frizzell's fish shop killed nine loyalists and the republican bomber.

Mr Clinton's brief forays on to the Belfast streets, his triumphant delivery of a speech to an audience in Mackie's Metal Works, and his meeting with Peter Robinson and other loyalist leaders at the East Belfast Enterprise Park were as nothing compared to the reception awaiting him after a short helicopter flight to Londonderry.

Beneath the old city walls a crowd of at least 30,000 packed Guildhall Square and the adjoining Fishquay Street to hear John Kerr, the Mayor, and John Hume, the local MP, introduce the President. The square was a sea of waving paper stars and stripes, an occasional Irish tricolour, but no Union Jacks. He attracted constant cheers and applause throughout his speech and then plunged with little obvious security into a lengthy walkabout among a crowd that was largely republican and plainly ecstatic.

At least twelve American Presidents, from Jackson to Nixon, have claimed dissent from Ulster Scots stock. But the 42nd is the first to visit the ancestral soil while in office. And he is certainly the first to leave with four apples and a bag of buns.



The photograph taken by a bystander of the President and Mr Adams shaking hands in a street encounter outside McErleans' bakery in Belfast yesterday

Picture that was almost missed

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN BELFAST

PRESIDENT CLINTON finally shook the hand of Gerry Adams in public yesterday, but the world's media very nearly missed the remarkable picture of America's leader embracing a former terrorist. It was left to an amateur photographer to capture the historic moment.

Mr Clinton has met Mr Adams twice before in Washington, but on both occasions behind closed doors. This time the White House, wanting to encourage the Sinn Fein leader in his pursuit of peace, decided to abandon its earlier coyness and laid plans for a "semi-spontaneous" street encounter between the two men.

The idea was for Mr Clinton to drive down the Falls Road after visiting a factory on Belfast's "peace line", and to stop his motorcade outside McErleans' bakery, near Sinn Fein's headquarters, where he knew Mr Adams would be waiting.

The motorcade stopped. Mr Clinton got out. But as he and his bodyguards walked towards Mr Adams the two men were instantly engulfed by a huge crowd of excited people, who utterly obscured the long-awaited handshake from the squads of photographers and television crews who follow the President's every move.

A few people waiting had cameras and snapped wildly in the direction of Mr Clinton. One passer-by managed to capture the moment and within no time the picture was being flashed around the world.

Mr Adams said he greeted the President with a Gaelic phrase meaning "a thousand welcomes". The President then stepped into the bakery to say hello. Earlier he and his wife Hillary had gone into Violet's grocery shop in the Protestant Shankill Road and, in another display of well orchestrated "spontaneity", bought oranges.

Security cordon dwarfs Major's precedent

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND NICHOLAS WATT

MORE than 3,000 police officers and 100 American secret service agents, many of them armed, stood guard in Belfast and Londonderry as part of Operation Venice to protect Mr Clinton.

The operation dwarfed the extensive security which used to surround John Major on his visits to Northern Ireland. This time, however, British soldiers were nowhere to be seen; they have been absent from the streets of Belfast and Londonderry for almost a year. While the police were in overall control of security the secret agents had the task of close protection.

Mr Clinton travelled in a bullet-proof limousine in a 14-vehicle convoy. The limousine has gun ports, air filter system and supplies of blood.

It was followed by armour-plated jeeps and a second limousine which sometimes changes places with the President's vehicle. The convoy also had a military ambulance for emergency operations. A doctor and nurse always travel with the President.

Roads along the route were closed two hours before the convoy passed. Police marksmen were on rooftops and hundreds of police officers flooded West Belfast.

The largest security headache was when Mr Clinton turned on the Christmas tree lights outside Belfast City Hall in front of a crowd of thousands. Everyone was screened before being allowed into the area.

The President spent the night at Belfast's Europa Hotel — often bombed over the years, most recently two years ago by a 1,000lb IRA car bomb. He chose the Europa precisely because of its history. John Toner, the general manager, said: "This is a major statement by the most powerful man in the world that things are normal in Belfast and he's proving it by staying in the Europa."

First Lady drops in to hear voice of women on the front line

BY ALICE THOMSON

JOYCE McCARTAN, a Roman Catholic who lost ten members of her extended family during the Troubles, "nearly collapsed" when the American Embassy rang up last week to arrange the meeting.

She was told that Hillary Clinton — codename Evergreen — wanted to come for a discussion with the Women's Information Drop-in Centre to talk about the difficulties facing community workers in Northern Ireland. Yesterday Mrs Clinton talked to the 65-year-old mother in a room behind a tiny fish-and-chip shop in one of south Belfast's most deprived areas, the Lower Ormeau Road.

She arrived half an hour early, barely acknowledging the crowds. Mrs Clinton had no desire to be a Queen of Hearts. The 15 women community activists chosen from both sides were not there to talk about their families' suffering at the hands of paramilitaries.

There was some brief chat over the stainless steel tea pots, which Mrs Clinton admired, and she was later given one. Then each woman was asked to describe her role. One talked of founding a local youth support group, another had started a cultural centre. All the women were working to bring their communities together for peace, and the centre which has been going since 1979 has become their focal point.

Mrs Clinton gave out advice: "Because of children, we have a link with the future that keeps giving us hope and energy to try to make things better no matter how bad they sometimes seem," she said.

She asked the women what they thought was necessary to bring about lasting peace and received answers ranging from providing better employment to making sure money reached grassroots.

Mrs McCartan told Mrs Clinton: "We've worked over the years together, from both sides of the community, and not been separated. It takes women to bring men to their senses."

Afterwards, Mrs McCartan who has been awarded an MBE for her services, said: "I've met The Queen, I've met Mary Robinson, the Irish President, and now I have met the American President's wife, and she is the most formidable."

All the activists agreed she was not the kind of woman to discuss recipes or swap family snaps. Mrs McCartan added: "She had done a lot of homework and knows a lot of statistics. It's an honour to have her in a wee shop like ours."

The American journalists stood around complaining. "The problem is she just doesn't give good soundbites like Bill." Outside in the freezing wind, school children in shorts and local women in mini-skirts held banners and chanted: "Hillary, we love you." When the First Lady emerged she did not even register them. She shook hands with Mrs McCartan, the other women hugged each other, and she sped off to join her husband in Londonderry.

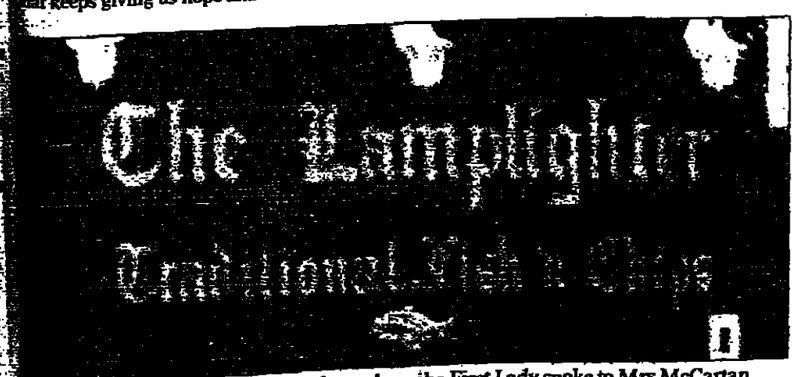
Claire Callaghan, a single mother waiting with her baby, was impressed. "She's no prissy, fancy wife. She stands up for women's rights. I'm glad she came to support us and I am an admirer. There are a lot of male politicians, all mouth and trousers, and few people bother to hear our side."

Mrs Clinton would have been proud, though most of the crowd were still more interested in her appearance — she was dressed in a grey flannel jacket, pearls and a black pencil skirt.

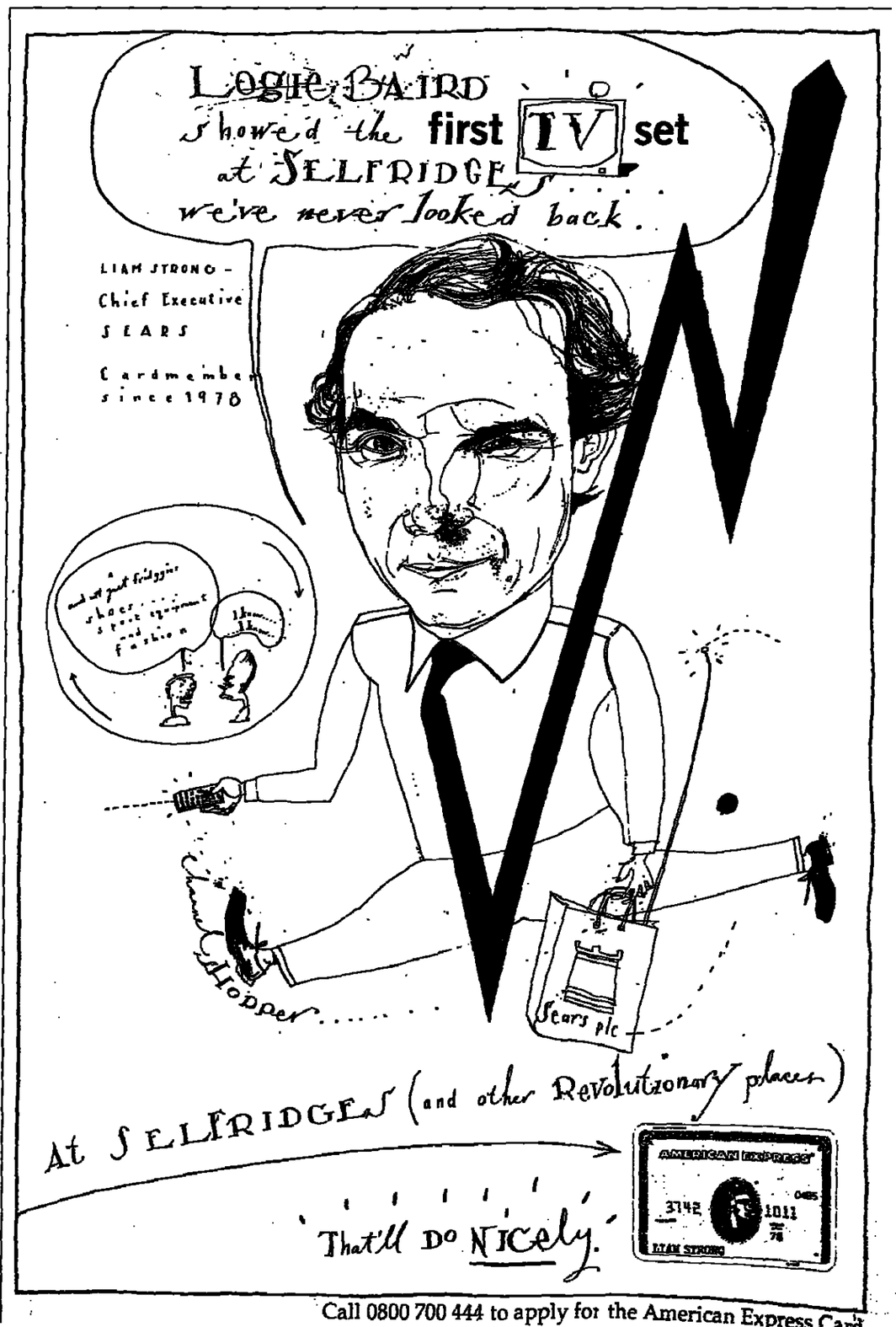
Gail McDowell, a secretary, said: "Us ladies like to see what she's like in the flesh. I don't like her new hair, it's too regal. But she's got a lovely set of teeth and it's a good excuse to have a little party."



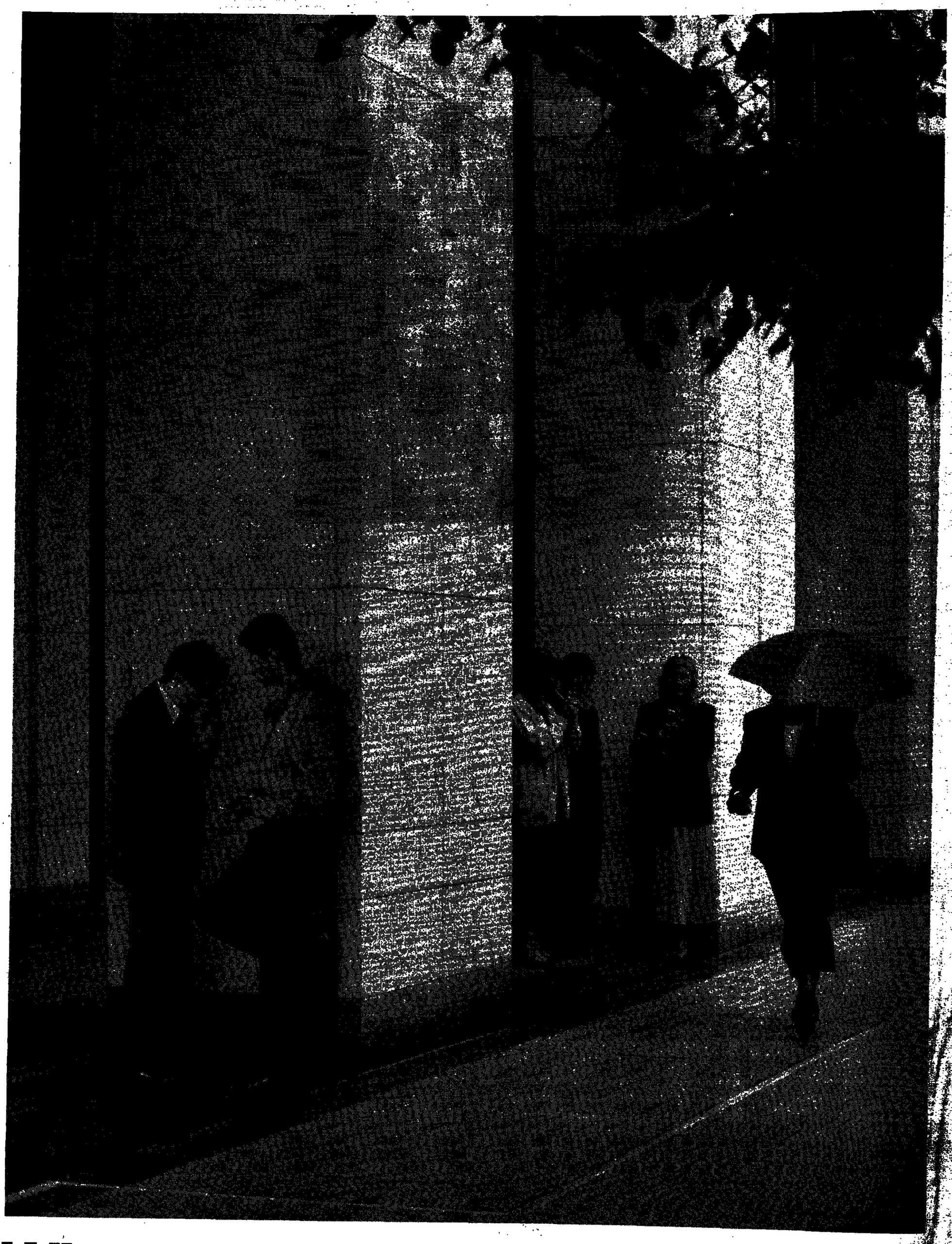
Hillary Clinton meeting Joyce McCartan for tea and a discussion yesterday



The sign of the fish and chips shop where the First Lady spoke to Mrs McCartan



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Protesters denounce 'betrayal'

Catholics welcome Queen to historic cathedral service

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Queen made history yesterday as the first reigning monarch to attend a Roman Catholic service in an official capacity for more than 400 years. Protesters jeered and chanted in the plaza in front of Westminster Cathedral as she celebrated Vespers for St Andrew's Day to mark the end of the commemorations of the cathedral's centenary.

Among the congregation of 1,500 there was a sense of high drama, the closing of a long and unhappy chapter that began with the Settlement of 1559 which established the Protestant Church as the official Church in England and drove the Church of Rome underground.

It was recognition at last for the tens of millions of Catholics who had lived, fought and died for their country, but had never been able to shake off the suspicions of some of their countrymen that their ultimate loyalties lay elsewhere. Yesterday the Queen formally acknowledged that they were indeed her loyal citizens.

The bells rang and the organ thundered as she was greeted at the entrance to the cathedral by the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, who presented other religious leaders including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey; the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev James Harkness; Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, the Rev Kathleen Richardson; and the Greek Orthodox Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain. A few minutes earlier, the Duchess of Kent, a recent convert to Catholicism, had been shown to her seat.

The Queen, wearing a cerise suit and hat, was applauded loudly as she walked up the nave of the great Byzantine-style building commissioned by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan, the third Archbishop after the restoration of the hierarchy. It was designed by John Francis Bentley and the foundation stone was laid on June 29, 1895. Betjeman described it as a series of surprises.

As the Queen took her place, Cardinal Hume welcomed her again in public. "It is a joy to have you with us," he said.

The choir sang psalms, antiphons and canticles in Latin Gregorian chant, male voices alternating with the boy sopranos and altos. A reading from St Paul to the Corinthians was followed by Cardinal Hume's homily, expressing his gratitude to the Queen for her presence. "Our friends from other Churches, and indeed from the Jewish community as well, will readily understand this special joy that is ours, the Roman Catholic community, as we welcome you. The presence of your Majesty in this cathedral, as we celebrate the centenary of the laying of its foundation stone, is a further affirmation of the place that we Catholics have in the nation."

The assembled Church leaders prayed for the Queen for government and for peace, and the congregation joined noisily in two verses of the National Anthem.

Outside protesters carried a banner with the names of the Protestant martyrs Cranmer, Latimer, Ridley and John Rogers. Michael Hobbis, of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, said he believed it was time to note that the principles of the Reformation were being thrown away. He feared that the country would slip back into the "dark ages of Roman Catholic superstition".

The Rev Brian Green, secretary of the British Council of Protestant Christian Churches, of which the Rev Ian Paisley is chairman, said the Queen's attendance was a betrayal of her position as Supreme Governor of the Church of England. He added that, under the 1689 Bill of Rights, it was unconstitutional for her to attend a Catholic service.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Cardinal Hume greeting the Queen outside Westminster Cathedral yesterday

Synod rejects Carey's warning on living in sin

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE General Synod of the Church of England yesterday backed the controversial report on the family which called for the phrase "living in sin" to be dropped and said that cohabitation could be a legitimate form of marriage.

Despite a sharp attack on the report by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, the newly elected synod resisted calls from conservatives for the report, *Something to Celebrate*, to be thrown out, commending it "as a contribution to Christian reflection on the family" and for further study and debate.

Dr Carey said he was "very disappointed" that the working party responsible had not maintained a more consistent focus on the biblical ideal of the family, embodied in Adam and Eve. While stopping short of calling for its rejection, Dr Carey said: "I am afraid that the impression left by some parts of the report, such as the suggestion that 'no single form of the family is a kind of God-given ideal', seems to run counter to other parts of the report. It is also hard to reconcile this with what we say every time we introduce a marriage service." In that service, clergy say that marriage is a "way of life created and hallowed by God".

In a speech that won strong applause, Dr Carey continued: "Cohabitation is not, and cannot be, marriage in all but name. Marriage is public and formal, whereas cohabitation is private.

"Those who choose to cohabit on the grounds that their relationship is a private matter and nothing to do with the wider society are deluding themselves." He added: "Marriage, not cohabitation, is the institution which is at the heart of the good society Let us not be reluctant to say so."

He called for the Church to reject cultural and commercial pressures that promoted sex as "just a special form of harmless fun".

Elaine Storkey, an evangelical whose husband Alan, a lecturer, resigned from the working party after it refused to include his dissenting report, said: "I do not find the report honest. It uses Christian language in a context which denies its meaning."

The Rev David Butterfield, of Lichfield, said the Church's communications unit had given warning that the report's section on cohabitation would cause a stir: because of careless drafting, the report would be remembered as saying that living in sin was no longer sinful.

The Right Rev David Sheppard, chairman of the Church's Board for Social Responsibility, under whose auspices the report was produced, said: "Accepting responsible people who cohabit may include arguing with them that there is a more excellent way." It had been argued that "living in sin" should be dropped because of the "deeply wounded" parents who were turned away from church by clergy when they took their babies for baptism.



Carey: had wanted focus on biblical ideal

The Right Rev Jim Thompson, of the social policy committee responsible for the report, said he was sorry for the distress it had caused, but defended it, also winning strong applause. "Jesus was not found among the moral accusers nor the self-righteous," he said. "I do not want to write off a generation that has already decided to cohabit."

The synod voted to "take note" of the report and agreed to an amendment affirming the Church's belief in marriage. The vote was closest in the house of laity, with 122 for and 104 against. Of the clergy, 164 voted for and 60 against. Of 27 bishops present, four voted against. The vote illustrated the gains made by the liberal wing in the synod.

Britons opt to live with freezer, TV — and no children

BY CATHERINE MILTON
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MORE households now consist of a childless couple or a single person living alone than a husband and wife with children, according to a survey published yesterday.

Almost a third of households are occupied by couples without children, 27 per cent are lone-person households and only 25 per cent are traditional families — a proportion that has fallen from almost a third in the early 1980s. The rise in the number of single-parent families has been slowing in the 1990s and stands at 22 per cent according to the survey of 18,000 people by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys.

Researchers also found that most people still wash their dishes by hand and are unlikely to own a home computer. While only 19 per cent of households have a dishwasher, most possess a washing machine, deep freezer and a microwave oven.

Only 3 per cent are without a colour television while 9 per cent have no telephone, according to preliminary results from the General Household Survey carried out between April 1994 and March this year. Some 77 per cent have a video recorder and just 19 per cent have their own dishwasher. Fewer than a quarter have home computers.

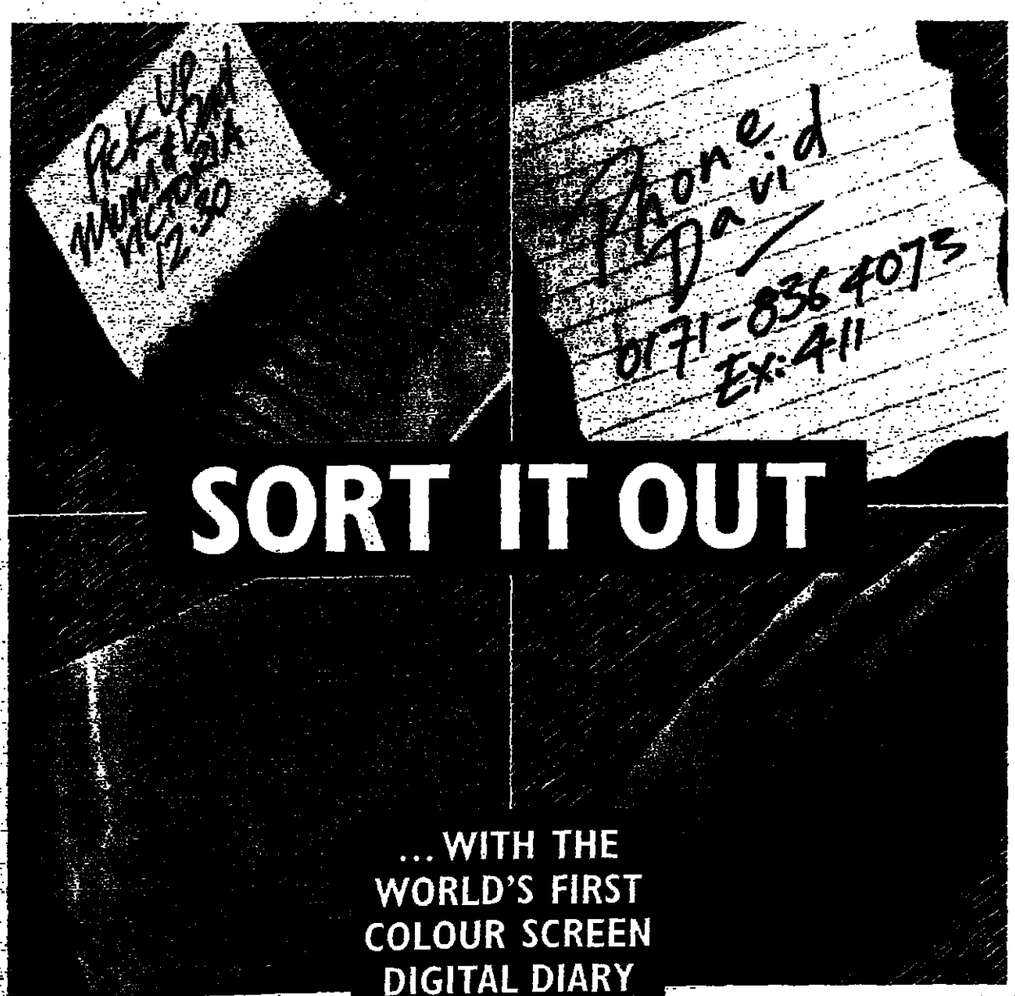
Almost 70 per cent of households have one or more cars while 85 per cent live in centrally heated homes.

The annual snapshot of life in Britain, which has been running since 1971, shows that the average number of people per household stabilised at 2.44 in 1993-94 having gradually fallen from 2.91 in 1971. Almost two thirds of households are owner-occupied, a proportion that has scarcely varied this decade, compared with just under half in 1971. One in five households rents from the council, down from a third in 1983.

The proportion of men and women who said they were chronically ill dropped from 34 per cent, and 35 per cent respectively, to 32 per cent in the year to 1994.

The numbers smoking continued to decline with adults admitting to the habit dropping from 28 per cent in 1992 to 27 per cent last year. Men and women aged 20 to 24 are the most likely to smoke with almost two fifths of each sex using cigarettes in the age group. Those over 60 are least likely to smoke with less than 20 per cent of either sex in that age group admitting to smoking.

The survey finds that one in four men drinks more than the recommended maximum level of 21 units a week while 13 per cent of women drink more than their recommended 14 units a week.





Oxbridge club near to letting in women

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE United Oxford and Cambridge University Club announced yesterday that it had taken a significant step towards ending its 178-year ban on women members.

Admission rules can now be changed by a two-thirds majority, rather than any change needing the consent of 50 per cent of members. The issue can also now be debated every two years instead of five, meaning the matter will be decided at an extraordinary general meeting next month. It will have to be ratified by a postal vote.

The last vote, in 1993, was overwhelmingly in favour of equal rights for women, but was declared void because only 49 per cent of all members were in favour. In February, 69 of the 74 Oxbridge college heads resigned from the club in protest.

Women are currently allowed to become only "lady associate members" with restricted access to areas of the club.

The reformist faction believes its efforts may well turn the spotlight on other all-male establishments, such as the MCC.

Judge condemns entrenched attitudes on both sides of fence

Neighbour who pruned hedge wins court battle

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY



Michael Jones, left, and Bernard Stanton arriving for the final day of the case

THE neighbours' war over the fast-growing cypress hedge ended yesterday in victory for the man who took his chainsaw to the 25ft monster.

His 87-year-old neighbour faces a £70,000 legal bill after four years of county court appearances and one failed appeal in London last year.

The final day of the battle at Birmingham County Court heard an allegation that Bernard Stanton needed such a high hedge because there was a peeping Tom operating from his neighbour's property.

Mr Stanton, who is considering an appeal, said after the hearing that his wife Freda had died of a heart attack weeks after becoming distressed by the hedge being pruned in 1989 without permission by Michael Jones, 67, their neighbour.

Outside the courtroom, Mr Jones's wife Maureen, 66, poured scorn on such a claim. "Freda died of a deep vein thrombosis," she said. "She had dropped a bottle of Ribena on her leg." Mr Stanton had sued Mr Jones, a retired teacher, for £30,000 damages to replace his line of ten *Cupressus leylandii* trees. He claimed they had been mutilated when his neighbour cut them by 9ft.

As the wheels of justice have slowly ground to their conclusion, the hedge has grown back almost to the height it was when battle commenced.

Mr Recorder Wolton, QC, who has patiently sat through days of evidence including hours of legal wrangling over the definition of a hedge, said in his ruling: "Both I and the Court of Appeal have made it clear that this is the sort of case that ought to have been resolved a long time ago. This is an example of entrenched attitudes which can be adopted by neighbours which benefits nobody apart from solicitors. It is an expensive situation for neighbours when they get into this position."

The judge said: "The hedge is now sound. The trees look extremely healthy to me. It would be totally unreasonable to claim the cost of reinstatement."

He criticised Mr Stanton, a retired civil engineer, saying he found it very difficult to accept that his real reason for bringing the proceedings was only to recover sufficient money to pay costs and replace the trees. "I have concluded that the plaintiff has not acted realistically or reasonably. I have every sympathy of course with him on the loss of his wife."

The judge freed Mr Jones from his undertaking not to cut the hedge, and upheld his right to maintain, repair or replace it as a party hedge. Earlier, Edward Pepperall, counsel for Mr Stanton, had told the court: "There is a genuine reasonable reason for him wanting a screen of 25ft. People from the defendant's property had been watching him and his wife through binoculars and had been causing them concern. There had been many incidents. It could happen two or three dozen times. It started perhaps 15 years ago — incidents where somebody from the Jones household was looking through binoculars at people in Mr Stanton's garden. As a serious allegation it is a nasty one. It is an allegation that really there was a peeping Tom on the defendant's household."

Philip Kremen, counsel for Mr Jones, told the court: "This case has taken up too much judicial time already. What this is about is a vicious neighbours' dispute, accentuated by malice accompanied by a total lack of reason."

Mr Jones said afterwards that the allegation about a peeping Tom — which earned Mr Pepperall a rebuke from the judge — was a complete fabrication. "We had an albino starling in the area," Mr Jones said, "whether anybody brought any binoculars into the area then . . ."

Sprouts put to flight by cut-price turkey

FROZEN turkeys will be cheaper pound for pound than Brussels sprouts this Christmas according to a survey of supermarket chains which found fresh sprouts at 55p lb and frozen turkey at 45p lb. Since then a price war has cut frozen turkey prices further.

Fresh turkey at present costs as much as £1.25 lb, though tests by Reading University showed that expert tasters could find no significant difference between fresh and frozen.

Promotions include:

Asda: turkey breast steaks £3.86 a kg, pork rolled shoulder £2.18 a kg, Cox apples 69p a kg, white grapefruit 22p each, carrots 49p for 2kg.

Budgens: frozen sausage meat 59p for 400g, mixed salad with peppers 99p for 300g, red potatoes £1.99 for 5kg, marmalade 49p for 454g.

Co-op: fresh forequarter beef

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roast £3.59 a kg, Cherry Valley frozen crispy Peking duck £3.99 for 450g, handmade shortbread selection £1.39 for 400g, mature farmhouse English cheddar £4.20 for 454g.

Harrods: whole York hams on the bone £14 a kg, foie gras pralines with fresh mango rolled in truffle dust £3.95 each, Morbier cheese £9.81 a kg, honey roast salmon £3.25 per 100g.

Iceland: skinless chicken breasts £3.78 for 700g, cooked and peeled prawns £6.89 for 800g, smoked salmon £5.99 for 300g, potato croquettes 99p for 907g, 6-8 portion Grand Marnier gateau £2.49.

Marks & Spencer: six salmon fillets £8.99 for 680g, haddock mornay £2.49 for 400g, runner beans 99p for 230g, strawberries £1.99 for 250g.

Morrisons: whole trout £2.84 a kg, skate wings £5.27 a kg, broccoli 59p a lb, rich fruit Christmas pudding £1.49 for 4 x 100g.

Safeway: fresh turkey mince £1.19 for 340g, Scottish skinned salmon fillets £3.49 for 283g, unsmoked half gammon on the bone £2.18 a kg, mince pies 49p for six.

Sainsbury: chicken fillets £3.49 for 510g, honey roast wafer thin ham £1.69 for 400g, cauliflower 55p each, herb bread 69p for 170g.

Somerfield: fresh tiger king prawns £1.69 for 113g, red pears 45p a lb, Golden Delicious apples 24p a lb, red grapefruit 29p each.

Tesco: lamb chump steaks £10.09 a kg, sprats 74p a lb, crumpets 39p for ten, blue Stilton £2.59 a lb, Red William pears 44p a lb.

Waitrose: smoked salmon slices £3.99 for 180g, brace of pheasant £5.99 for 1.3kg, savoy cabbage (450g) 45p, clementines 45p a lb.

NEWSBRIEF

Pet ban for driver who towed dogs

Evelyn Isaac, 61, was banned from keeping animals for life yesterday after accidentally dragging two pet dogs to death behind her car. Frantic motorists flagged her down but the dogs were so badly hurt a vet put them down at the scene.

Isaac, of Charfield, Avon, said she had tied her alsatian and labrador dogs to the bumper of her car outside her home as she cooked herself lunch. She set off 45 minutes later to visit her mother with the dogs in tow. Isaac was also fined £500 with £35 costs by North Avon magistrates after admitting causing unnecessary suffering.

Family sues

Amy Scarratt, 15, and her brother Luke, 12, are suing Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Commission for damages as dependants after their mother died during surgery for an ectopic pregnancy in 1992. Michael Scarratt, 43, of Hayling Island, is also suing for the loss of his wife Anne, 36.

Doctor wins

A hospital doctor who lost the tops of his left thumb and index finger while chopping meat has won a £220,000 payout from insurers as the case was about to go to court in Newcastle upon Tyne. Independent Insurance Ltd had claimed that the doctor, living in Co Durham, intentionally inflicted the injury on himself.

Prisons post



General Sir David Ramsbotham, above, formerly director of public relations with the Army, takes up his post as Chief Inspector of Prisons today, in succession to Judge Tumim. The appointment of Sir David, 61, disclosed in *The Times* on Monday, was formally announced by Downing Street yesterday.

TV licence rise

The annual television licence fee will go up from £86.50 to £90 for colour sets and from £28.50 to £30 for black and white from next April, the Government said yesterday. Iain Sproat, the Heritage Minister, said the increases were based on the rate of inflation, which was 3.9 per cent for the year to September 1995.

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Expulsion of Irish terrorist suspect breached EU law

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

BRITAIN broke EU law in the way it expelled an Irish terrorist suspect from Britain without giving him an independent hearing, the European Court of Justice ruled yesterday.

The decision, which was attacked by Tory Euro-sceptic MPs, could force the Government to revise the procedures for exclusion orders under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

But Michael Howard last night described the ruling as "narrow and limited" and said it would not affect the ability of the Government to make orders excluding suspected terrorists. "It doesn't go to the substance of the exclusion order making power; it goes only to procedures," the Home Secretary said.

He made clear that the Government would oppose paying compensation to John Gallagher, 35, a carpenter from Dublin, who successfully brought the legal challenge to the operation of the Act.

The judgment will be used by Euro-sceptic ministers and Tory backbench MPs to persuade Britain's EU partners to give governments the right to appeal against rulings of the court.

Mr Gallagher, a former Sinn Fein activist who served



Howard: described the ruling as limited

a prison sentence in the Irish Republic for possessing firearms, was excluded from Britain in 1991 as a suspected republican terrorist.

He described the judgment as a "vindication of my innocence. These things just can't happen to you," he said. "It's a personal victory because of the circumstances of my exclusion and it's also a victory for others who have had the same thing happen to them."

Mr Gallagher was excluded from Britain in 1991 after living in London for 18 months. He was convicted at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin in 1983 of possessing arms. He served two years of a three-year sentence in Portlaoise prison before being released in 1985. He remained active in Sinn Fein for 18 months after his release but then severed connections with the republican movement.

The European Court ruled that the operation of the Act was a breach of freedom of movement guaranteed by the Treaty of Rome. It said that the Act breached a 1964 directive which stated that national authorities could not, except in emergencies, issue exclusion orders to foreign nationals "before a competent authority has given its opinion".

The "competent authority" can be appointed by the Government, as long as it has absolute independence and is not subject to any control from the Government, says the directive. That provision is not honoured by the Prevention of Terrorism Act, the Luxembourg judges ruled. But a court official added: "Member states are entitled to make exclusion orders. This case has been about the procedures and process of doing so."

Yesterday's ruling opens the way for others from the Irish Republic who were excluded from Britain to seek compensation.

The case will now go back to the Court of Appeal in London which is expected to rubberstamp the European Court decision. The Court of Appeal had referred the case to the European Court in 1993.

Court backs wheel clampers

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

A CLAMPING firm was within its rights to immobilise a car in a private car park, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The court dismissed an appeal from David Arthur and his wife, Annette, who had unsuccessfully sued a private wheel-clamping firm after his Rover had been immobilised in a car park in Truro, Cornwall, in May 1992.

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, and two other judges said Mr Arthur had been aware of the risk of clamping when he left his car for 45 minutes to visit council offices. Owners of private car parks were entitled to clamp unauthorised vehicles if warning notices were clearly displayed and the fine was reasonable, the judges said.

Mr and Mrs Arthur had claimed £1,000 damages against Thomas Anker, senior partner in Armtrac Security Services, for loss of earnings while the car was clamped, malicious falsehood and unlawful interference with the car. But the couple lost the claim at Truro County Court and instead had to pay £560 compensation for the cost of two missing wheelclamps and £100 damages for an assault on Mr Anker by Mrs Arthur.

Mr and Mrs Arthur, who face a £10,000 legal bill, took their clamped car away in a pick-up truck in the middle of the night rather than pay the £40 fine.

Sir Thomas said the court's decision was based on the medieval legal principle that landowners could confiscate other people's property and demand compensation if it were causing damage. This could be applied to a modern car park, he said.

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Expansion devours England's unspoilt havens

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

AREAS of tranquillity in the English countryside, as defined by the guardians of rural conservation, have shrunk by more than a fifth in the past 30 years.

Studies for the Protection of Rural England and the Government's Countryside Commission say that since the 1960s nearly 19,000 square kilometres of tranquil countryside have become blighted by noise and man-made ugliness.

Only three large areas are now left untouched by urbanisation and industry: the Marches of Shropshire and Herefordshire, the north Pennines, and north Devon.

Areas of tranquillity, defined as peaceful and unspoilt places typically between one and three kilometres from roads, four kilometres from a power station, beyond large settlements and the noise of military or industrial activity, remain in all of England's counties. But they are smaller and more fragmented than they were 30 years ago, with large swaths under pressure from development.

Jonathan Dimbleby, the commission's president, said yesterday: "Almost half of England is now disturbed by the impact of roads and traffic ... and an area of tranquillity the size of Wales has been lost. Getting away from it all may become a distant memory unless we act to protect rural tranquillity."

Tony Burton, the commission's senior planner, said it was vital that the Department of the Environment's planning guidance on rural areas, to be published next year, include areas of tranquillity as well as green belts and national parks. He called for tighter rules on new roads and housing schemes in such areas.

But Tommy Thompson, director of planning and transport for Leicestershire, said at the report's launch that planning guidelines were not the whole answer for defending unspoilt rural areas. Car ownership and use need to be curbed too, so that the pressure for new roads and towns was reduced.

The study into tranquil areas was carried out by ASH Consulting Group of Didcot, Oxfordshire, which used a geographic information system to mark areas of land taken by urban development and the noise footprints from roads, airfields and activities such as large-scale opencast mining. The bigger and busier the road the wider the impact on a tranquil area.

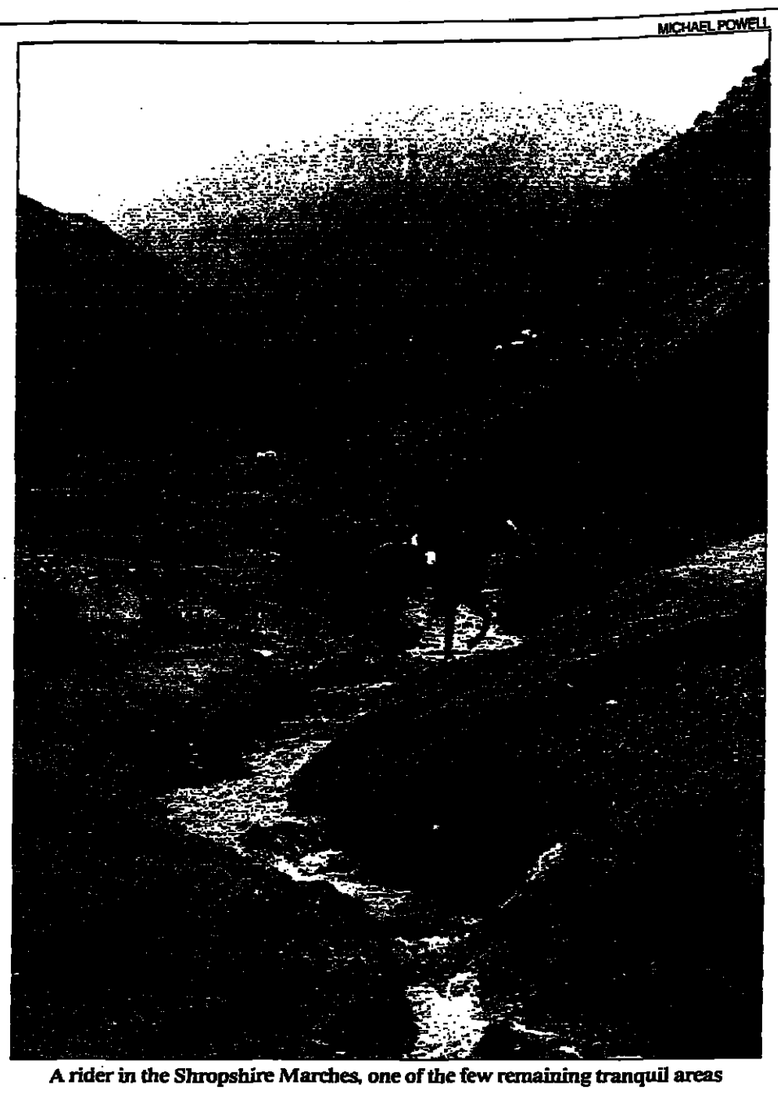
One square kilometre has been chosen as the minimum tranquil area. Mr Burton said the maps were conservative and they did not include damage from leisure pursuits such as off-road motoring, speed boats and clay-pigeon shooting.

The maps reveal that the South East is least idyllic. In the 1960s 58 per cent of the region, or 15,767 square kilometres of countryside, was considered tranquil, but that is now down to 38 per cent. The average size of its tranquil areas is also the lowest, at just 25 square kilometres.

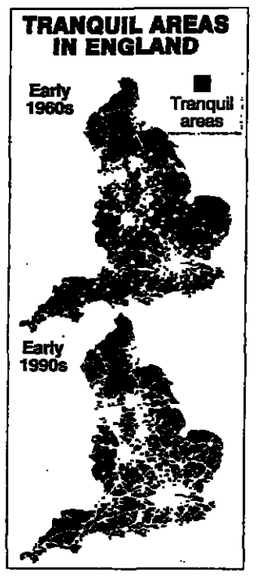
In contrast the North East, including the north Pennines and the Cheviots, is the least changed since the 1960s. Its 5,874 square kilometres of tranquillity is only 9 per cent less than three decades ago.

In the South West, which used to boast the largest continuous areas of unspoilt land, areas of tranquillity are fast breaking up, the maps show. In the 1960s their average size was 411 square kilometres; that is down to 68 square kilometres. More than 80 per cent of the region was considered tranquil but that has fallen to 66 per cent.

MICHAEL POWELL



A rider in the Shropshire Marches, one of the few remaining tranquil areas



Night owl disturbs image of rural paradise

By Tim Jones

FAR from the madding crowd, life can be hell. Only the other night the Rev Stephen Hollinghurst was driven to distraction by a hooting owl that had perched on his bedroom window ledge.

On occasion, he is also kept awake by the young farmers dancing in the village hall, which is near the rectory at Pembridge, Hereford and Worcester, an area identified as one of only three main areas of rural tranquillity. Then there are the foxes that bark in the night, the rustling of leaves and the bleating of sheep.

Mr Hollinghurst has no regrets about moving from urban Manchester to an incumbency that covers 40 sq miles and has fewer than 2,000 souls. "Life is slower here, much more tranquil," he said. "People do not appear to be under so much stress although it can be a problem getting things done."

In the north Pennines, Pauline Platts, who runs the High Windy Hall hotel near the village of Garrigill, Cumbria, was helping her son to make Christmas puddings. The only noise was the whistling of the wind. Mrs Platts revels in the peace and scenery and offers stress-free weekends for workers who weary of the town.

Nicholas Harvey, Liberal Democrat MP for North Devon, agreed that it was a haven of peace but added: "These quiet villages must not be preserved in aspic, and retired newcomers must not stand in the way of modest progress designed to keep young people in the countryside."

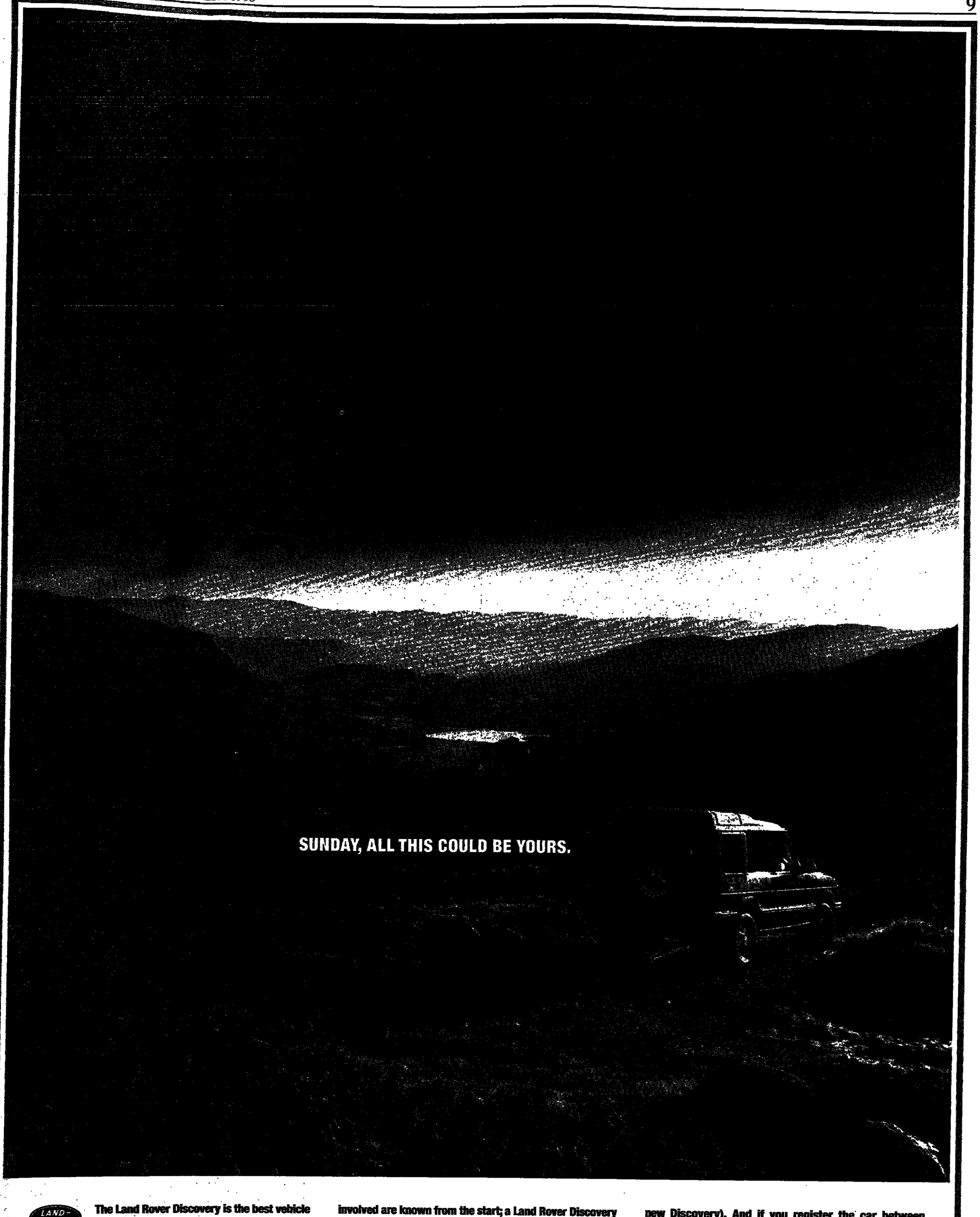
There was, he said, sometimes a heavy price to pay. One of his constituents was recently quoted £16,000 by an electricity company to connect his home, four miles from the mains. "Clearly there is a case for saying that in rural areas people should not always be charged the full economic price for essential services, which include buses."

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Council tax set to soar as Gummer eases capping rule

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND IAN MURRAY

COUNCIL tax bills could rise by up to 15 per cent next year, wiping out nearly half the gains of Kenneth Clarke's Budget, it was disclosed yesterday.

The threat arose after John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, announced that he was relaxing the capping rules that limit the size of council tax increases. His aim was to smooth the path for higher government grants for education to be channelled via local education authorities.

However, council leaders disputed the Government's arithmetic and saying that to pass on the money to schools, they would have to impose big council tax rises.

Senior Environment Department officials conceded that the effect of the relaxation of capping in shire areas now controlled by Labour and Liberal Democrat councils could increase council tax bills by up to 15 per cent.

The average average charge for a Band D house in England is £609. A 10 per cent rise would cost a householder £61 a year and a 15 per cent increase £90 a year. Budget tax cuts for a typical married couple on £25,000 a year are prjected at £215 next year without allowing for the effects of higher excise duties.

However, much will depend on whether councils spend up to their new, looser capping ceilings. Officials said that if councils turned to other sources of revenue — such as raiding reserves and increasing charges — and made the kind of efficiency savings being implemented in Whitehall, actual increases would be less than the headline inflation figures.

Frank Dobson, shadow Environment Secretary, spoke yesterday of average council tax increases of 5.2 per cent, suggesting that he is wary of walking into a pre-election trap laid by the Conservatives. It was another example of the Government "furtively taking away with one hand the highly publicised [tax] cuts they have been making with the other".

As Mr Gummer made clear yesterday, ministers are poised to denounce big council tax rises as evidence that when Labour gains power it lets spending rip.

The worry for Tony Blair and his Shadow Cabinet is that Labour councillors may ignore their private appeals for restraint. The worry for Tory MPs is that the public may blame central Government rather than town halls for wiping out up to half their gains from lower income tax.

In the Commons, Mr Gummer said that he was taking councils at their word in relaxing Whitehall controls on budgets.

"The new approach I have outlined will allow individual authorities greater flexibility to adapt their budgets to local circumstances," he said.

The biggest relaxation of capping will come in the county councils, where 3 per cent increases will be allowed. Where councils are spending above their Whitehall targets, which many are, all this extra money will have to come from council tax payers. The fact that council tax covers only about a fifth of overall budgets points to rises of 15 per cent if a local authority spends up to the hilt. Capping limits in boroughs and cities will be tighter, pointing to maximum rises of 7.5 per cent to 10 per cent.

David Rendell, the Liberal Democrat local government spokesman, said that government promises of an extra £878 million for schools were a "shameful con-trick" because no new money was being made available.

Sir Jeremy Beacham, chairman of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "The Government appears to be giving us a choice between raising tax locally and taking the blame for that, or not raising it and accepting that services will suffer."

Blair asks MP to explain 'racism'

BY JILL SHERMAN AND JAMES LANDALE

TONY BLAIR last night demanded "a full explanation" from the frontbench MP Keith Vaz after allegations of racism and interference in his Leicester East constituency waere made against him.

Mr Vaz, the party's local government spokesman, was called in to see Donald Dewar, Labour's chief whip, yesterday evening after Mr Blair asked the MP to provide a detailed background to remarks he allegedly made during *Dispatches* on Wednesday night.

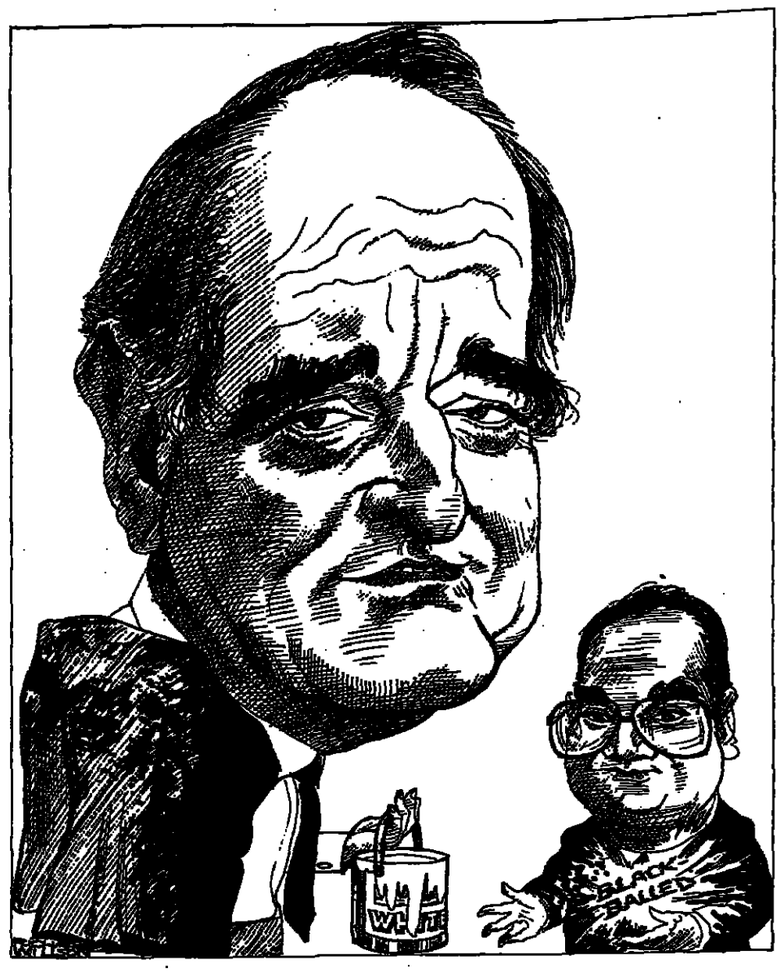
Mr Blair is expected to decide today whether to take disciplinary action against Mr Vaz, who could be dismissed from Labour's frontbench. Party sources said the meeting between Mr Dewar and Mr Vaz "was a natural justice exercise" to enable both sides to discuss the issue. Mr Vaz is suing *The Sun* and intends to sue *The Guardian*, after both newspapers repeated allegations made in the programme.

The comments in the programme were seized on by Brian Mawhinney, Tory party chairman, who wrote to Mr Blair urging him to sack Mr Vaz if it was proved he had made "openly racist" remarks.

"Mr Vaz was quoted as saying of a candidate for the post of deputy leader of Leicester Council. 'Why should we have a white person?'" Dr Mawhinney said. "Given the serious nature of this allegation I would be grateful if you would confirm whether or not Keith Vaz made this statement. If he did I must invite you to dismiss him immediately from your team, in support of the view that we both held that there can be no excuse for racism in public life. If he did not ... then no doubt you will want him to take appropriate public steps immediately to set the record straight."

Mr Vaz's alleged comments were also raised in the Commons by Nirj Deva, MP for Brentford and Isleworth, in a question to the Prime Minister, prompting Mr Blair to take immediate action.

Dispatches made allegations against Mr Vaz concerning "undue meddling and interference" in his local authority. This involved accusations of pressure being put on a Labour councillor to vote for Mr Vaz's mother in a battle for the Labour candidacy in a council ward, and of attempted interference in an inquiry into the running of a council home.



Big firms donate less to Tories

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

CORPORATE donations to the Conservative Party have fallen over the past year, according to research published yesterday..

At the same time, the total amount donated to Conservative Central Office has risen by more than 35 per cent to £12.73 million in the year ending March 1995. The figures reflect a growing tendency by big business to distance itself from the Tory party while small firms and private individuals are increasing their political donations.

A survey of 5,000 major British companies by the Labour Research Department, an independent body, found that firms had given the smallest amount to the Tories for five years. The survey, published in the December edition of *Labour Research*, found that 172 companies gave about £2.46 million to the Tories in the year ending March 1995, down from 198 traced as giving about £2.84 million the previous year.

The survey identified some 50 companies which had stopped giving to the Tories in the past 18 months. They included United Biscuits, which had given an average of nearly £70,000 a year for 15 years; the Rank Organisation leisure group, which gave a total of £435,000 between 1979 and 1993; and the insurance group Sedgwick, which had given £20,000 a year for 15 years.

Immigration racketeers face seven years in jail

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

RACKETEERS who help to smuggle illegal immigrants and asylum-seekers into Britain face up to seven years in jail under new offences included in a Bill published yesterday.

Immigration officers are to be given extra powers to search ships, aircraft and vehicles for travel documents and a new power to search for people who have remained in Britain without permission.

The Government is aiming to cut illegal immigration as well as save £10 million a year by ending child benefit for families seeking refugee status. The stiffest sanctions have been reserved for racketeers, who charge people thousands of pounds to be smuggled into the country or run bogus marriage operations and promise foreigners jobs.

It will become a criminal offence to help an asylum-claimant either to enter the country or to remain here by deception. Those convicted could be fined £5,000 or jailed for seven years.

The Asylum and Immigration Bill will make it a criminal offence to employ an illegal immigrant, with fines of up to £5,000. It will not be compulsory for employers to check the immigration status of prospective recruits.

The documents an employer should ask for were specified by the Home Office yesterday. They are a P45 from a previous employer; a British or European Economic Area passport; or a non EEA passport stamped with a permit giving the person permission to live and work in Britain.

The Bill also gives the Home Secretary power to create a "white list" of countries deemed to be safe and from which asylum applications will be presumed to be unfounded. Under the Bill an asylum-applicant who arrives in Britain having passed through a "safe" country, such as France or Germany, will be deported within 24 hours.

Claude Moraes of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants said the sanctions against employers would be unenforceable. He added: "This Bill will go down in history as the most extreme, vote-orientated immigration legislation since the 1960s."

According to Home Office figures, in the 12 months to the end of September there were 40,180 applications for asylum, almost 37 per cent more than the previous year. The Government is predicting the figure for the year will reach 44,000, just below the record of 44,840 in 1991.

Almost 70 per cent of the applications came from people already in the country. The rest came from people entering at ports and airports.

£50m extra for mental health services

BY CATHERINE MILTON SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

STEPHEN Dorrell yesterday announced an extra £50 million pounds to be spent on mental health services over two years in an attempt to ease public fears about random killings by paranoid schizophrenics.

The Health Secretary was spelling out his spending plans for the year in the wake of the Budget. The announcement on mental health was timed to coincide with the three-month deadline for action that Mr Dorrell set health chiefs after Government inspectors criticised public provision for severely troubled patients in August.

Public concern about the dangers that paranoid schizophrenics being cared for in the community pose to themselves and to others became widespread after the random murder of Jonathan Zito at a London Underground station. Fears were raised again this summer when a report into the death of Jonathan Newby, a young and inexperienced volunteer who died when he was left alone in charge of a voluntary-sector hostel full of severely mentally ill people.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister. After a statement by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, on local government finance, MPs debated the Budget, third day.

In the Lords: debates on the Family Law Bill, second reading, and reports of human rights violations in Sudan. TODAY: neither House is sitting.

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Forsyth tries to outflank the opposition by granting greater power to local government

Battle of Britain begins over rival plans for Scotland

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALL four main political parties pitched into battle yesterday over plans to devolve power from Westminster to Scotland.

The Tories took their boldest steps towards loosening government control of Scottish services, conceding that it was time for an overhaul of government north of the border. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, set out proposals that he said were "the first wave in a tide of reform", giving local authorities greater independence from his department.

He put forward 24 plans to devolve power, including removing central controls on the building of schools and shopping centres, reducing government control on building standards, and devolving control of grants for the training of teachers and social workers.

He also agreed to consultations on a package of measures put forward by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, including devolving power on school closures, responsibility for trunk roads and funding for drug development schemes.

In the face of rapidly dwindling support in Scotland, Mr Forsyth insisted that his plans proved that the Tories were not an "English-inclined intransigent party". Tory leaders concede that a more sympathetic approach to decentralising power is needed to claw back support in Scotland, which has fallen from 26 per cent in 1992 to about 12 per cent.

His proposals were ridiculed by the opposition parties, which are campaigning for a devolved assembly or total independence. But Mr Forsyth was adamant that his plans underpinned his declared ambition to pass power to a local level. He threw down a direct challenge to the other parties over their plans for a Scottish parliament, claiming that families would be forced to pay £6 a week more tax and that £5 billion of inward investment would be jeopardised.

In a St Andrew's Day speech in which he set out the Government's plans, Mr Forsyth said: "Good government needs at times to be examined, to be overhauled and to be renewed, and now is such a time."

He dismissed as a "cynical political exercise" joint proposals by Labour and the Liberal Democrats for a devolved parliament, and pointed to the "havoc" that would be caused by plans to permit the raising of extra taxes. He said the move towards an asembly would mean the post of Scottish Secretary would be sidelined or abolished and Scotland's influence at Westminster would be "hugely diminished".

Mr Forsyth, delivering the Richard Stewart Memorial Lecture, said that his own plans would help to invigorate local government. Although he conceded that no single plan could meet the overall aspirations of the Scots, he said: "These ideas amount to a considerable shift in the entire emphasis of Scottish government, notably in its accountability to our people."

Mr Forsyth's proposals came as the Scottish National Party launched a blueprint for independence and Labour and the Liberal Democrats announced joint plans for a Scottish assembly.

Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, said: "Our parliament will be a modern democratic institution which sweeps away the archaic pompous and irrelevant mysteries of Westminster and replaces them with transparent procedure, freely accessible to all."

George Robertson, Labour's Scottish spokesman, announced the Scottish Constitutional Convention plans for a 129-member parliament by saying: "Here are two competing political parties laying aside their differences to join with an unprecedented range of other Scottish opinion to forge a better system of government for our country.

"Here then is the tangible evidence of a new politics for Scotland — the politics of hard agreement. We don't just want a change of government — we want a change in the way people are governed."

WHERE THE PARTIES STAND

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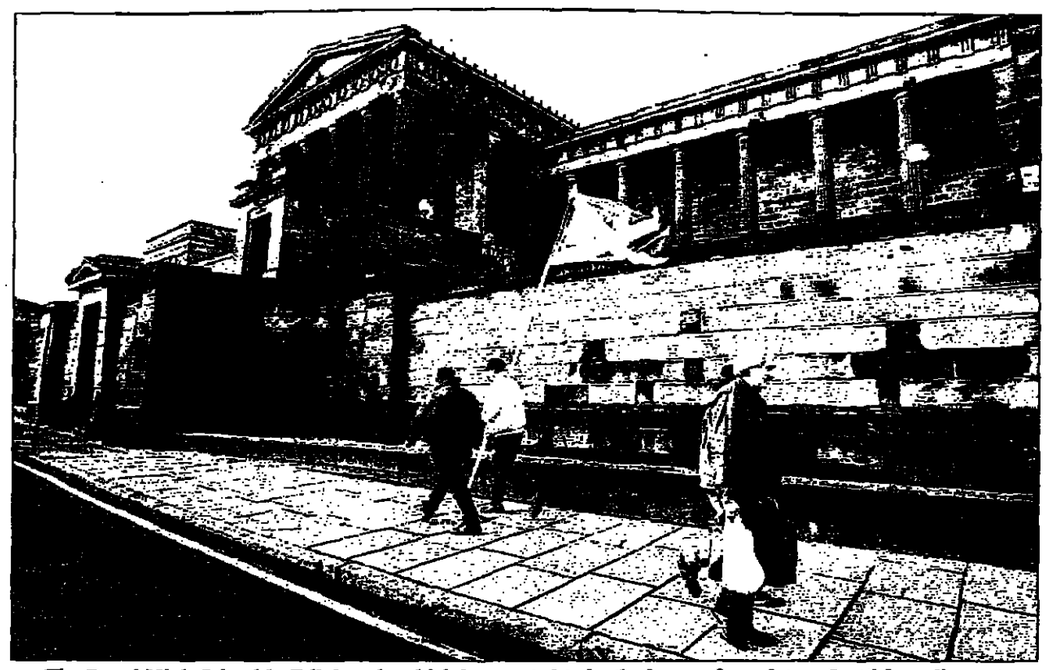
- ☐ Scottish Grand Committee, comprising all 72 Scottish MPs, to sit more frequently in Scotland and in more locations
- ☐ Committee to debate uncontroversial Scottish Bills in full but final vote on legislation to take place at Westminster
- ☐ Special standing committees to allow expert witnesses to give evidence on Scottish Bills
- ☐ Cabinet ministers to appear before Scottish sittings of the committee
- ☐ Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, to consult on wide-ranging plans to devolve powers from the Scottish Office to local authorities and community councils
- ☐ Measures to be considered include removing government control of shopping centre building, requirement to seek government approval for local bylaws, and the ceiling on capital spending for new school building

LAB/LIB DEMS The two parties formed the Scottish Constitutional Convention to produce joint proposals:

- ☐ Parliament of 129 MPs, 73 to be elected from present constituencies by first-past-the-post system, and 56 from eight regional constituencies by proportional representation. Holding a seat both at Westminster and Edinburgh will not be permitted
- ☐ Single chamber, sitting for fixed four-year term, with power to raise or reduce tax by up to 3p in the pound
- ☐ Equal number of men and women MPs
- ☐ Strengthened powers over domestic issues, such as education, training, health, local government, home and legal affairs and industry

SNP The nationalists want full independence, with membership of the European Union and close ties with the United Kingdom:

- ☐ Single-chamber parliament with full legislative powers
- ☐ 200 MPs elected by proportional representation, two from each of 72 existing constituencies, and 56 from party lists
- ☐ Scotland to be an independent member of European Union, Nato and the Commonwealth
- ☐ Bill of Rights, including rights to housing, health and education, to be incorporated in a written constitution
- ☐ The Queen to remain Head of State but Scottish parliament's Chancellor to act on her behalf
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Rising star of the Tory Right provides an unexpected sparkle

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Michael Forsyth has been one of the unexpected successes of the July Cabinet reshuffle. He has added sparkle and aggression to a lacklustre Cabinet, forcing his opponents onto the defensive for the first time in well over a decade.

His twin-prong initiative on the Government in Scotland, first in the Commons on Wednesday and then in a lecture last night, can be queried for being thin on substance, but it was a tactical coup. He stole some of the limelight from the Scottish Constitutional Convention on the day that this Labour and Liberal Democrat backed body launched details of proposals for a Scottish Parliament with tax-raising powers.

Mr Forsyth's own plans build on the work of Ian Lang, his predecessor as Scottish Secretary, as put forward in a White Paper two years ago. The ideas are a further attempt to defuse long-standing demands for fully-fledged Scottish devolution, both by extending the role of the Scottish Grand Committee of all 72 MPs north of the border to examine legislation and question ministers and by removing some financial and other controls from local government. Many of his suggestions are sensible in improving parliamentary scrutiny and giving local councils more discretion over their budgets, but they are firmly in a unionist context and do not amount to legislative devolution.

More significant is Mr Forsyth's tone and style. His three predecessors since 1979 — George Younger, Malcolm Rifkind and Mr Lang — were in the One Nation tradition. They were never Thatcherites by temperament or background and sought to cope with the non-Tory majority in Scotland in more emollient ways than their Tory colleagues in England. Occasionally, they had successes, as Mr Lang did at the 1992 election by raising the standard of unionism. He helped to avert the widely predicted wipe-out of Scottish Tory MPs and slightly increased their overall representation.

But if Mr Lang was always the gentleman, Mr Forsyth is the player. He has always been a fighter: as an early, and persistent, challenger of the predominantly collectivist culture of Scotland, as an MP for the highly marginal Stirling, and as an abrasive politician who has often offended the Scottish establishment. Baroness Thatcher describes him in her memoirs as "the real powerhouse for Thatcherism at the Scottish Office", continually battling as junior minister against Mr Rifkind and fighting to reduce the role of the State.

But even her support was not sufficient to keep him in his dual role as chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party in face of the opposition of Mr Rifkind and leading figures north of the border such as Willie Whitelaw and George Younger. She cushioned this move in October 1990 by promoting him to Minister of State, but, overall, this was widely seen as a rebuff to Thatcherism in Scotland.

Mr Forsyth soon moved south to become a minister of state at the Department of Employment, and then Home Office, where he was initially mistrusted for his Thatcherite sympathies and alleged leakiness. But he built up a reputation for his political skills in being flexible on details while firm on principles. His former critics at the top of the Scottish Tory party in time removed their objections to his promotion and he became the obvious choice to succeed Mr Lang (as would also have happened if John Redwood had won the Tory leadership).

Mr Forsyth's flurry of activity will not of itself improve the Tories' parlous electoral prospects in Scotland. But it should strengthen the Tory position in what has been a one-sided devolution debate, while also enhancing Mr Forsyth's standing as a rising star of the Right.

PETER RIDDELL

I would never harm the Union, says Blair

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR declared last night that he would never do anything that could "break up the United Kingdom".

Setting out the "patriotic case for devolution", the Labour leader said that by admitting the need for change in the way Scotland was run, the Government had recognised that it had been wrong.

"To us, devolution is essential if the unity of Britain is to be maintained and strengthened," said Mr Blair. "Let me be absolutely clear: I would never agree to anything which threatened to break up the United Kingdom. Scotland is a vital part of it in every way."

Addressing a *Time* magazine dinner in London, Mr Blair also tried to counter fears raised by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, that a Scottish parliament — something proposed by Labour — would use its powers to increase taxes. Mr Blair conceded that it would be able to vary tax rates by 3p, up or down. Mr Blair said: "It is for the people to elect Parliament and the Parliament to decide whether taxes should rise or fall, and justify its decision.

"There is a very big difference between having tax-raising powers and raising tax. Parties proposing matters connected with taxes have to be elected on their programme; and governments that raise taxes face the electorate."

Speaking on the day that the Labour and Liberal Democrat-backed Scottish Constitutional Convention published its plans for a Scottish parliament, he said the real threat to the Union came from a government that would not face the wishes of the Scottish people. All the Government now proposed was that the House of Commons Scottish Grand Committee met more often, discussed more non-contentious legislation and occasionally met senior ministers. "They do not even begin to close the democratic deficit."



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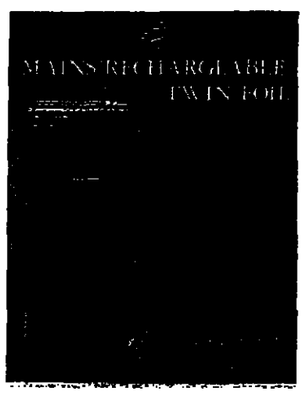


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Better care offers hope of surviving leukaemia

BY JOHN YOUNG



SIMON WALKER

Professor Ross Pinkerton in the cancer unit where he has seen great strides in techniques to beat cancer

TWELVE years ago Professor Ross Pinkerton, a quietly spoken Irishman who trained as a paediatrician in Belfast and Dublin, joined the staff of the Great Ormond Street hospital in London.

Since then progress in the treatment of cancer, particularly among children, has accelerated. Professor Pinkerton would not, of course, dream of claiming the credit. That belongs to thousands of dedicated research workers all over the world, not least the 600 or so who work at the Institute of Cancer Research, which adjoins the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton, south London.

But, as consultant paediatric oncologist at the hospital's Children's Cancer Unit, he has played a vital role in applying that research to the treatment of patients. The main reason for improved survival rates has been the increased use of chemotherapy, the application of high doses of toxic chemicals to kill the diseased cells. Of patients suffering from acute myeloid leukaemia, for example, more than half are now fully cured, compared with only one fifth ten years ago. In the case of Ewing's sarcoma, a bone cancer, the use of stronger chemotherapy combined with surgery has increased the survival rate from 40 per cent to nearly 60 per cent.

In non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a lymph gland cancer, the cure rate for advanced disease has improved from about one third to more than two thirds. Among children who relapse after remission, the use of bone marrow transplants has significantly increased the eventual cure rate. He acknowledges that the reason some people develop cancer is still almost entirely a mystery. In a very few cases there is some evidence that the disease could be hereditary, notably eye cancer, and that lymphoma may sometimes be the result of a virus, but little else.

Children are particularly susceptible to leukaemia, it appears, because their bodies are busy fighting off a range of infections and the bone marrow becomes very active. A national survey of children with cancer is looking for common factors.

Children generally respond more readily than adults to chemotherapy — but sadly not always. The main objective of the clinical research programme at the Royal Marsden is to try to understand why some children's cancers are highly sensitive to chemotherapy and are easily cured whereas others, while initially responding to treatment, soon recur.

"We need to understand the mechanisms involved in these forms of drug resistance, why they develop and what changes in the cancer cell enable them to resist treatment," Professor Pinkerton says. "It is wonderful that with chemotherapy and radiotherapy we can cure up to two thirds of children. But we want to cure the other third."

Such intensive treatment, however, is not without its cost. As well as loss of hair, the patient's immune system is seriously affected, making him or her vulnerable to illnesses ranging from relatively minor afflictions such as mouth ulcers or diarrhoea to potentially fatal viruses and infections which can strike at short notice and demand constant vigilance from nursing staff.

Significant advances have been made in recent years in alleviating some of the complications. The Royal Marsden was the first unit to evaluate a series of anti-sickness drugs. Professor Pinkerton says that the drugs have revolutionised the tolerance of chemotherapy. In the past vomiting was an inevitable side-effect, whereas now it is possible to control in most children.

Slightly surprisingly, he describes the Royal Marsden as primarily a research institute. Because it shares a site with the Institute of Cancer Research and Cancer Research Campaign laboratories, scientists and clinicians work side by side. Advances in treatment can quickly be transferred from the laboratory into clinical practice.

An important factor in the improvements of the past decade has been the co-operation between the 22 specialist children's cancer centres under the umbrella of the United Kingdom Children's Cancer Study Group. That allows treatments to be agreed and evaluated.

But original ideas can only come from individual institutions and their dedicated staff, Professor Pinkerton says. That is where units like his come into their own.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Children are no less refined if they take sugar

For more than 70 years temper tantrums, poor performance at school, irritability, tearfulness and a host of other school and nursery misdemeanours have been blamed on sugar.

In 1922 W. R. Shannon, an American, suggested that behavioural problems in childhood could be induced by refined sugar, and in 1947 his views were reinforced by T. G. Randolph, writing in the *Journal of Paediatrics* about what he termed the tension fatigue syndrome in children, which he attributed to the consumption of sugar.

In the 1970s, when the back-to-nature culture with its advocacy of rough wholemeal bread, beans and raw vegetables was at its height, refined sugar was thought of as a near poison by many muesli-eating parents whether they lived in California, New York or this country.

Dr Mark Wolraich, Dr David Wilson from the Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr Wade White, of the United States Naval Hospital in Japan, have investigated this fear that sugar is a destructive influence on a child's behaviour and intellectual progress. The report, recently published in the *Journal of American Medical Association*, analysed the case histories of 1,800 children in 23 separate statistically sound studies.

It makes good news for the parents. A lump or two of sugar, a few boiled sweets, or a chocolate mint might not do much for their children's teeth or for their waistlines, but it will not turn them into infant hooligans or hyperactive fools.

The doctors' analysis of the various reports shows that, despite marked differences in the social background and age of the children studied, their reactions to sugar were equally reassuring. Sugar, so far as could be ascertained, did not affect either the behaviour or the learning ability of the children. Very minor variations in mood might have escaped detection in the analysis, but this seems unlikely.

The research workers pondered the question as to why this particular myth of the evils of refined sugar had arisen. They came to the conclusion that, in those earlier surveys, in which the strict rules of the double-blind medical trial were ignored — that neither the person giving the sweetener nor the recipient were aware of its nature — the parents' reports on their children merely reflected their own beliefs or expectations.

Parental judgment on the influence of sugar on children's behaviour tended to reflect publicity on the subject available to lay people, and presumably, the prejudices of friends, neighbours and their peer group in general.

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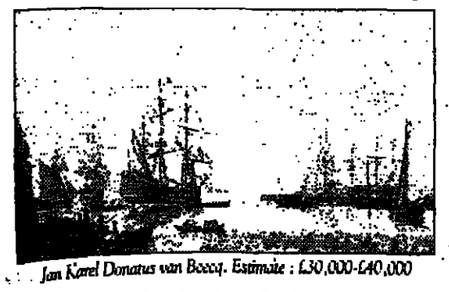
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Government's victory proves hollow as Jaffna rebels reject surrender and regroup

Tamils vow to step up guerrilla campaign

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN KOKKADICHOLY, SRI LANKA

A FEW miles into the countryside beyond Batticaloa, in eastern Sri Lanka, one thing is obvious — the Government is paying dearly for its impending victory over the Tamil Tigers in Jaffna City.

From here it hardly seems like a victory. The rebels have lost their mini-state in the north but have gained freedom to move around almost the entire Eastern Province. Government troops have all but abandoned the region, save for principal urban areas, to concentrate on the Jaffna peninsula.

Armed Tigers are pouring into the east in readiness for a new kind of war. With no mini-state left to protect, they will revert to guerrilla attacks. Colombo, the capital, will be a primary target.

In the village of Kokkadicholy, five miles from the government-held town of Batticaloa, a bespectacled, middle-aged man sat pondering the startling changes in the civil war. Karikalan — an assumed name — is deputy head of the Tigers' political wing, a key strategist in one of the world's most proficient guerrilla groups.

"We will look for areas that are easy to attack," he said. "We will target people or institutions responsible for killing Tamil people. We will strike whenever we will find an opportunity. This will become a guerrilla war once more."

The war is being fought nose-to-nose. On one side of Batticaloa lagoon, a lone policeman with a semi-automatic rifle watches Tamils crossing by ferry from the city into Tiger-controlled territory a few hundred yards away across the water. Other policemen with spiked rods check bags of wheat and flour for guns.

Karikalan said several hundred Tigers defending the centre of Jaffna city would fight to the death. All expected to die. Troops were taking heavy casualties from mines and booby-traps. "The army said two weeks ago that they were about to take Jaffna. They are forced to move inch by inch."

The army now controls perhaps 20 per cent of the Eastern Province, giving the Tigers a free run through the countryside. According to Karikalan, the rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran is heading military operations from somewhere on the Jaffna peninsula. "We were expecting a major assault on Jaffna city," Karikalan said. "We made a strategic withdrawal with most of our equipment. We can move around freely in the east and we still control much of the Jaffna peninsula."

He acknowledged that the Tigers had lost much of their international prestige because of their perceived political intransigence and their alleged massacre of Sinhalese peasants in northern villages. "We did not massacre those villagers," he said. It may have been another Tamil militant group."

He insisted that the Government was not sincere about its offer to create a virtually autonomous Tamil-dominated region in the north and east. The Tigers had never been formally shown any plans. "The proposals have not been given any legal expression."

The army is obviously embarrassed by its failure to capture Jaffna city centre. There is clearly no prospect of beating the rebels militarily.

Father Harry Miller, an American Jesuit who has lived in Sri Lanka for 47 years, said in Batticaloa that the Tigers had encroached to the fringes of the city. "The Tigers may be forced out of Jaffna, but they will simply reappear somewhere else. I think we are in a worse position now than before the Government launched its offensive," he said.



A Sri Lankan soldier watches over the cremation of 21 colleagues, who were killed when a transport aircraft went down off the northern Jaffna peninsula

WORLD SUMMARY

González beaten on abortion

Madrid: Felipe González's minority Socialist Government has been forced to drop a Bill on virtually unrestricted abortion after it was defeated by the opposition centre-right Popular Party and the Catalan Nationalist Party, which holds the balance of power (Edward Owen writes).

The Communist United Left party said that the defeat of the Bill, that would allow abortion within 12 weeks of pregnancy, was "defrauding women". Abortion in Spain is allowed only if there are doubts about the woman's health, the foetus is deformed or the woman has been raped.

Thousands flee rain of lava

León, Nicaragua: The Cerro Negro volcano, 75 miles northwest of Managua, rained down lava and hot sand on farmland, forcing thousands to flee on foot and by bus and oxcart. Debris blocked roads and families were feared trapped in remote rural communities, including the village of El Porvenir. "People are beginning to panic," the chief of the national civil defence programme said. *(AP)*

17 die in Kabul rocket attack

Kabul: Seventeen civilians were killed and 26 injured when the Taleban militia launched a rocket attack on the Afghan capital to avenge a military defeat this week, defence officials said.

Six rockets hit homes, stalls and streets in the central market area. More than 150 people died in attacks on Kabul last month. *(AFP)*

Filipina maid will not appeal

Dubai: Sarah Balabagan, the Filipina maid convicted of killing her employer in the United Arab Emirates, will not appeal against the sentence of 100 lashes and a year in jail imposed by an Islamic court, judicial sources said. She had initially been sentenced to death. *(Reuter)*

Fahd admitted to hospital

Dubai: King Fahd, 73, of Saudi Arabia, is in hospital in Riyadh, the Saudi capital, for medical check-ups. The royal court did not disclose whether he was ill. *The Economist* said last month that he was in poor health. Initial reaction on world oil futures markets was muted. *(Reuter)*

Plutonium protest in Tokyo

FROM PEREGRINE HODSON
IN TOKYO

A SHIPMENT of deadly plutonium was transported through the heart of Tokyo yesterday, as Greenpeace activists waved flags and banners in protest.

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Mexico loses faith in lofty dreams of 'jinxed' Zedillo

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MEXICO CITY

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Señor Zedillo answered him that day with an outline of lofty dreams. But a year on Mexicans have seen nightmares rather than dreams fulfilled.

Señor Zedillo's first anniversary today finds Mexico in its worst economic recession in recent history. Failed economic policies, unanswered demands for political reforms and growing evidence of official corruption have destroyed public confidence in the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

The party has governed Mexico for almost 67 years, but many analysts believe its days of absolute power are numbered, and even question whether Señor Zedillo will survive his six-year term. Public opinion polls give him only a 20 per cent approval rating.

Mexicans say Señor Zedillo carries a jinx. He was never meant to get the job: the first-choice candidate, Luis Colosio, was assassinated in March last year at a rally in Tijuana.

Since becoming President, Señor Zedillo has been bedevilled by one mishap after another. September's annual Independence Day parade was marred by a fatal collision of three military aircraft in an display over the capital.

Later that month the jinx struck again. Only days after the President attended ceremonies for the opening of the shrimp season, Hurricane Ismael destroyed the west coast fishing fleet. Dozens of fishermen were lost at sea.

When Mexico played Spain in a tennis tournament, fans urged Señor Zedillo to stay away. He did and, against the odds, Mexico won.

The President is most blamed for his handling of key political and economic decisions. Only days after taking office, he tinkered with currency exchange rates and the peso crashed. Panicked investors abandoned what was once touted as the world's strongest emerging market.

In January, he announced a political pact that would usher in a new era of fair play. Mexico would cease to be the ugly duckling of democracy, his advisers claimed. Within 48 hours the pact was in pieces.

Señor Zedillo had promised to overturn a fraudulent election in the state of Tabasco. But he was rebuffed by hardliners in the ruling party. His inability to control undemocratic elements in the party was clear.



Zedillo: bedevilled by a series of mishaps

To his credit, Señor Zedillo has led efforts to reduce fraud in regional polls. But the ruling party is finding that it cannot win clean elections. When other parties were banned from local elections in the capital last month, voters stayed away from the polls, resulting in a turnout estimated at less than 20 per cent.

The opposition National Action Party now governs four of the country's 31 states and 12 of the largest 20 cities.

According to Gabriel Zaid, the respected Mexican writer, "the political violence, presidential disorder, economic and administrative ineptitude, the crimes and corruption of the system, its impositions and lies, have won [the ruling party] the ever increasing repudiation of society".

When he was elected, most Mexicans knew little about Señor Zedillo, 43, a grey party bureaucrat. The President, who had campaigned on a slogan of "well-being for the family", quickly discovered he had a credibility problem.

Instead of gearing policies to volatile investor markets, critics say Mexico needs its own solutions to revive domestic production and rekindle consumer confidence. Government policies have done little to help the small and medium-sized companies which employ most workers.

But Señor Zedillo refuses to change tack. Critics say that he lacks the courage to take the bold steps necessary to rescue the country.

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Ivana weds her No.3 in borrowed diamonds

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

IVANA TRUMP, her lily of the valley bridal bouquet wilting under the glare of television lights, has finally wed Riccardo Mazzucchelli, her Italian beau. The service, held in a New York hotel lobby, was preceded by a year of pre-nuptial agreement negotiations which made the Balkan peace talks in Dayton, Ohio, look like a vague promise to "do lunch".

The new Mrs Mazzucchelli, 46, wore borrowed diamonds worth $1.2 million (£77,000) and the smile of a tigress. She has been married twice before. The previous incumbent was Donald Trump, a Manhattan property developer, from whom she finally extracted a $25 million divorce settlement.

Mr Mazzucchelli, 51, described as a businessman, is reported to have won his bride's hand only after signing a briskly worded pre-nuptial contract. He wore a dinner jacket, she a pale blue satin suit by Thierry Mugler.

Guests at Wednesday's ceremony included the singer Diana Ross, the pornographer Bob Guccione, and Barbara Walters, the television presenter. Such was the mêlée of reporters and cameramen outside the hotel that Miss Ross nearly missed the event.

During the service the couple drew laughter from the congregation by doing a shimmy before the temporary altar. Miss Walters remarked afterwards that Mr Mazzucchelli gripped hold of his bride from the moment she arrived at the hotel — perhaps lest she change her mind. As the couple advanced down the makeshift nave, the Peter Duchin String Quartet ("birthdays, weddings and barmitzvahs — attractive rates") offered a version of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Moments after the exchange of vows the lobby of the Mayfair Regent Hotel was cleared by attendants and transformed into a floral-trellised dining room for the reception. Catering was by Le Cirque, Manhattan's splashiest restaurant. This being skyscraperville, the wedding cake extended to six tiers. The couple will live in New York, London, Connecticut, and on board their new motor yacht, *Ivana*.



Mr and Mrs Mazzucchelli after their wedding in the New York hotel lobby

Gingrich is named in 'slush fund' case

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH, the House Speaker, suffered a further blow to his popularity yesterday when the Federal Election Commission charged that a political organisation he led for years had provided the congressman with more than $250,000 (£161,000) in hidden support for his re-election campaign in 1990.

Court papers filed by the commission are certain to fuel a Democratic campaign to demonise the Republican politician in the run-up to next year's presidential elections.

Last September Mr Gingrich was questioned at length by the commission over the sources of funds paid by a Republican action committee of which he was chairman. According to the documents, the support included paying the salaries and travel expenses of political consultants who had devoted much time to helping Mr Gingrich.

The commission does not say that the Speaker benefited illegally, but argues that at the time the GOP [Republican] Action Committee, or Gopac, was barred from such activity as it did not register as a federal political action committee until 1991. Yesterday the action committee was seeking to dismiss the suit.

Court papers quote Gopac as saying that Mr Gingrich's re-election was "probably the single highest priority we've got in dollars".

The timing of the action is designed to put pressure on Republicans in the House ethics committee, currently deadlocked over the scope of a separate inquiry into Democratic allegations that Mr Gingrich created legislative favours for donors.

Romanov prince demands right to be at tsar's reburial

BY QUENTIN LETTS

A SENIOR Romanov has complained that he and other members of the former Russian imperial family have not been invited to the reburial of Nicholas II, last Tsar of All the Russias.

Prince Nicholas Romanov, disputed head of the family, said it was "time to bury the past" and demanded that descendants of the tsar should be involved in next year's ceremony in St Petersburg.

The tsar, murdered by Bolsheviks in July 1918, will be reburied in the Peter and Paul Cathedral in a service planned for Feburary 25. Prince Nicholas, 73, said he was deeply offended that the family had neither been invited nor consulted about the rites to be used. "We should be given the possibility to express our desires. Many members of the family have very precise opinions about the rite of the funerals," he told a sympathetic audience in New York. "May the funerals of the last tsar, his family and the faithful who served him to the last become a sign of the rebirth of Russia."

Prince Nicholas, a farmer from Switzerland, said that the funeral "will symbolise that a page of Russian history has finally been turned, a page dripping with blood". He has communicated with President Yeltsin and the Mayor of St Petersburg about the reburial.

The identification of the tsar's bones was confirmed by DNA tests using tissue from the Duke of Edinburgh, a kinsman. The tsar's bones will be reburied with those of Tsarina Alexandra, three of their children and four servants who were all killed at Yekaterinburg in 1918, reputedly at Lenin's order.

Prince Nicholas said that it was right that the servants should be buried alongside their masters. "They have been lying together for 75 years. Leave them as they are. They were the only ones who never betrayed the tsar."

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US scientists race to mount deadly laser in jumbo jet

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

RIVAL scientists in America, bringing the fantasies of Hollywood a step closer to reality, are competing to create a high-energy laser with lethal beams that could bring down enemy missiles hundreds of miles away.

The 100,000lb laser, carried inside a Boeing 747, would destroy its targets within three seconds, causing warheads and missile wreckage to scatter over their launch sites.

Under an ambitious $5 billion (£3.22 billion) research programme for the United States Air Force, scores of physicists, chemists, computer scientists and engineers from Rockwell International Corporation and Hughes Aircraft Company are competing against groups from Boeing, Lockheed and TRW Incorporated to win the contract in 1997.

The culmination of almost three decades of classified military research into high-powered lasers and advanced optics, the beam would be guided by a computer-controlled mirror able to alter its shape thousands of times a second to counter any atmospheric distortion between the laser and its target.

The weapon, known as the airborne laser, would guzzle hundreds of pounds of household chemicals per second and produce the equivalent power of 20,000 100-watt light bulbs.

Large storage tanks aboard the jumbo jet would carry enough juice for 40 laser blasts — 30,000lb of chemicals, including hydrogen peroxide, potassium hydroxide and chlorine. The reaction of the chemicals, creating high-energy oxygen, would then be fed at supersonic speed into a rocket chamber where iodine would be added before resulting in the infra-red beam.

The light would then be driven through a shaft to the nose of the 747, where a swivelling turret, or beam director, would be mounted to scan the horizon for missile launches.

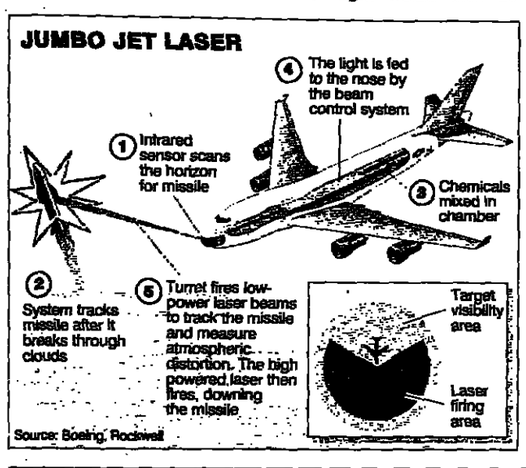
Once the enemy warhead was detected, the director would shoot a low-powered laser to track its progress before sending a signal to the larger Chemical Oxygen Iodine Laser, COIL.

Pentagon officials recognise that the history of such weaponry has been far from happy. Under President Reagan, military planners faced the embarrassing failure of the much vaunted "Star Wars" programme, a laser blanket in space to protect the United States from attack.

This time, defence planners insist, the technology is available to create successfully the airborne laser. Memories of Iraq's Scud attack against an American barracks during the Gulf War, which killed more than two dozen soldiers, have made the Pentagon even more insistent that the programme will work.

Lasers are cheaper than anti-missile weapons and the US Air Force is hoping to build seven of the newly equipped jets under the programme. The first demonstrator would be ready for testing by 2001. "If we succeed, this opens up a whole new direction for military weaponry," said Barry Waldman, vice-president of Rockwell and the head of the company's laser research.

☐ **Helsinki:** Russia is to supply Finland with air defence systems to reduce part of its $1.3 billion debt. *(AP)*





Donna Rice Hughes as she is today, campaigning in Washington to curb pornography on the Internet



Donna Rice during the Gary Hart scandal

Hart belle sounds cyberporn alarm

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

DONNA RICE, the sultry Florida model whose swimsuit pose once wrecked a presidential campaign, is back in American public life. Eight years after she draped herself over Gary Hart on board his motor yacht, *Monkey Business*, Miss Rice is working as a conservative lobbyist. She is campaigning against smut.

The *Monkey Business* pose, linked to disclosures that she spent a night at his house, ruined Mr Hart's bid for the White House. Miss Rice went into hiding but has now emerged as a campaigner against Internet pornography, saying she wants to put her notoriety to good use. In a slow, southern accent, she says she follows "the three fs — faith, family and friends".

Miss Rice, 37, today prefers to be called Donna Rice Hughes, incorporating the surname of her new husband, a businessman. She has been appointed communications director of Enough is Enough, a pressure group which fights cyberporn, or obscenity on the Internet.

"After the scandal hit eight years ago I resolved to see all the devastation in my own life used in a positive way," she said. "I wanted it used for something bigger than me. I knew it would be a long way off." She turned down offers worth "millions of dollars" for her version of the Hart scandal. "I decided not to feather my own nest. I made mistakes but I relied on faith and hope. It was a long road."

Legislators must soon reach a decision on how to police the Internet, which is currently untamed territory for libel and pornography. Some of the material published is so strong, Miss Rice said, that *Penthouse* and *Hustler* magazines "look like Donald Duck" by comparison. Her group is lobbying for a Bill to restrict the availability of such fare.

Miss Rice has visited politicians and opinion makers to show them examples of hardcore pornography available to Internet users. "Even the most hardened politicians and journalists just about lose their lunch when they see this stuff," she said. "It is fairly horrible and beyond what most people comprehend. I try not to look too closely."

Enough is Enough, less extreme than some right-wing lobby groups, is backed by computer companies which fear aggressive state policing of the Internet. Miss Rice has been praised for her grasp of politics. Congress is expected to legislate on cyberporn in the next month.

"I am Donna Rice and I'll always be Donna Rice, but I have been living with the scandal for eight years now," she said. "I made mistakes and got off on the wrong track in my 20s, and I paid for it dearly. It woke me up."

Model's murder stirs fears of serial killer

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE death of a Los Angeles model, Linda Sobek, 27, has reopened murder investigations as far away as Ohio, as fears mount that she may have been the victim of a serial killer.

Charles Rathbun, 38, a freelance photographer, was charged this week with her murder, after leading police to a shallow grave containing her remains in mountains east of Los Angeles.

The county sheriff this week said that Mr Rathbun had been linked to the unsolved death of another model in the Los Angeles area, Kimberly Pandelios, in 1992, whose body was found yards away from the Sobek remains. He was also a suspect in the murder last year in Ohio of Stephanie Hummer, 18, a first-year university student, police said.

"We're getting calls from people all over the country who have cases where they see similarities," Sheriff Sherman Block told a press conference.

Mr Rathbun, who has pleaded not guilty to Ms Sobek's murder, claims he ran over her and buried her body because he panicked. He met both models at the same hamburger restaurant, police said. The women left with him for what they thought was a photo assignment for *Auto Week*. The magazine said this week that it never uses models in its photographs of cars.

Korean bribes scandal widens

BY CATHERINE LEE IN SEOUL AND DAVID WATTS

SOUTH Korean prosecutors yesterday sought to prevent a former president from leaving the country and charged a leading businessman in a slush funds scandal that threatening to engulf the political elite.

The affair calls into question the whole economic structure of South Korean politics, in which the leaders of the big *chaebol*, or business conglomerates, have funded politicians who, until recently, were former army officers.

Former President Roh Tae Woo, who is in jail charged with operating a political slush fund of more than £420 million, claims that President Kim Young Sam received money from the fund.

Yesterday Chun Doo Hwan, another former president, was ordered not to leave the country, while prosecutors arrested Chung Tae Soo, chairman of the Hanbo group. Mr Chung was charged with helping Mr Roh switch about £50 million from hidden accounts into legal accounts between September and October 1993. Mr Chung was the first tycoon to be arrested in the scandal, but prosecutors reportedly are considering charging heads of 24 conglomerates, including the top four business groups, with bribery.

Speculation that Kim Woo Choong, the Daewoo group chairman, could be next in line sent shares in its companies tumbling. The arrest warrant for Mr Roh said Mr Kim was suspected of offering more than £20 million in return for favours over lucrative building projects.

Mr Roh was arrested on November 16. The retired general confessed to gathering £424 million in slush funds during his presidency.

Yesterday Mr Roh left the Seoul detention centre to be interrogated by prosecutors. They have questioned nearly 40 heads or senior executives of conglomerates.

Attempting to put some distance between himself and the scandal, President Kim said yesterday that corruption was the main obstacle to South Korea becoming a world-class economic power and urged businesses to end their questionable links with politics.

"Now is the time to eradicate the deep-rooted evil practice," Mr Kim said in a speech marking Trade Day, which traditionally celebrates South Korea's dramatic economic growth.

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Power vacuum as Greece awaits fate of Papandreou

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

GREECE is virtually leaderless as Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, lies in an Athens hospital, and his Socialist party, fearing a public outcry, shrinks from trying to replace him.

The 76-year-old leader is being kept alive by a respirator, an artificial kidney and repeated dialysis at the Onassis Heart Centre after being admitted on November 20 with pneumonia.

Although doctors said Mr Papandreou's heart is functioning "satisfactorily", his family flew in Magdi Yacoub, the heart surgeon, from London early yesterday morning on the official jet. Mr Yacoub performed triple bypass cardiac surgery on Mr Papandreou in 1988.

Hospital officials said that the heart specialist had urged the use of a diuretic drug that is still in the clinical trial stage. Mr Yacoub said last night, after attending to his patient, that he would recover "but not in the near or foreseeable future".

Hundreds of mostly working-class supporters, some in tears, have been keeping vigil along with the media outside the modern hospital since the Prime Minister's condition worsened on Tuesday. Yesterday dozens of bouquets lay on the hospital steps.

The medical team headed by Dimitris Kremastinos, who is the Health Minister as well as Mr Papandreou's personal physician, remains unsure as to when to take the Prime Minister off the life-support system, fearing the onset of fresh complications. Yesterday Mr Papandreou's wife, Mimi, 40, appeared briefly at a hospital window and waved to the crowd in gratitude for their prayers and support.

News reports here said the former air hostess, who has gained notoriety for being photographed in the nude, has been praying in the hospital's chapel several times a day.

While it appears certain that Mr Papandreou has reached the end of his long and controversial political career, his Socialist party, Pasok, which he forged and personally ran for 21 years, appears confused.

Responsibility for running the Government falls on Apostolos Tsochatzopoulos, the Interior and Public Affairs Minister, who is the No. 2 man in the Cabinet. As the top party personality, with a talent for political wheeling and dealing, Mr Tsochatzopoulos has been the most faithful of the Papandreou men, backing his leader in recent leadership challenges.



A priest leads prayers outside the hospital

Last week he used his de facto position as head of Government to use the prime ministerial jet for a flight to the islands.

He is expected to support Mimi Papandreou's eventual bid to enter politics, regarded as a controversial move that could split Pasok.

Modernisers in the party are unhappy at the prospect that Mr Tsochatzopoulos, who has no diplomatic experience and is hardly known outside Greece, would be likely to represent Mr Papandreou at this month's European Union summit in Madrid.

So far, however, they have remained silent on the party's succession issue, since they fear a backlash from a Greek public grieving for an ailing leader.

The nation has been gripped by the drama in which the brief but vague medical bulletins from the Onassis Heart Centre dominate newspaper headlines and prime-time television.

When Vasso Papandreou, a former European Commissioner who belongs to the reformist camp in Pasok, visited the Prime Minister, she was heckled and insulted by the crowd outside the hospital.

In the event that Mr Papandreou is unfit to resume office or dies, the struggle for the leadership of Pasok is expected to see Mr Tsochatzopoulos, the party traditionalist, fighting off challenges from the modernisers.

KATZ PICTURES



Remote railway stations like Latour de Carol in the Pyrenees could be lost in an overhaul of the vast French network

French rail strikers fear dose of Dr Beeching's bitter medicine

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S vast network of railways spreads out from Paris like veins through marble, 20,000 miles of track meandering through some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, reaching out to isolated parts of the country, and haemorrhaging tax-payers' money.

For more than three decades the state-owned Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer (SNCF) has remained sacrosanct despite mounting debts, but now the French Government is preparing to overhaul the system, raising fears that many of the smaller rural lines will be cut with the loss of thousands of jobs. Those well-founded fears, combined with anger at proposed welfare reforms, lie at the heart of the French rail strike, now in its eighth, paralysing day.

For all Prime Minister Alain Juppé's assurances that the SNCF overhaul will not be "brutal", the plans are already being compared to Dr Richard Beeching's pruning of Britain's railways in 1963.

This week, the newspaper *Info-Matin* published a map of what the pared-down rail network might look like, with gaping holes over the Massif Central, the Vendée, the Loire and other regions. France's rustic train stations, each with their own carefully-tended garden and picket fence, may soon be a thing of the past.

The numbers are indisputably horrific: the SNCF has an accumulated debt of Fr175 billion (£23 billion) and this year alone, the company will lose about Fr12 billion despite annual state subsidies of Fr50 billion.

Many of the older provincial lines are expensive to maintain. For every passenger travelling on the 70-mile track between Limoges and Nexon, the Government must shell out Fr720. Keeping the tiny Auxerre to Etang line open costs Fr45 million a year, with trains carrying an average of just eight passengers.

As Anne-Marie Idrac, Junior TransportMinister, remarked this week: "The SNCF is today the most indebted and the most subsidised company in France."

But many fear that closing lines will accelerate the "desertification" of the countryside where local cafés and shops are already fast disappearing. Without rail links, many rural communities would face a choice between increased isolation or joining the march to the cities.

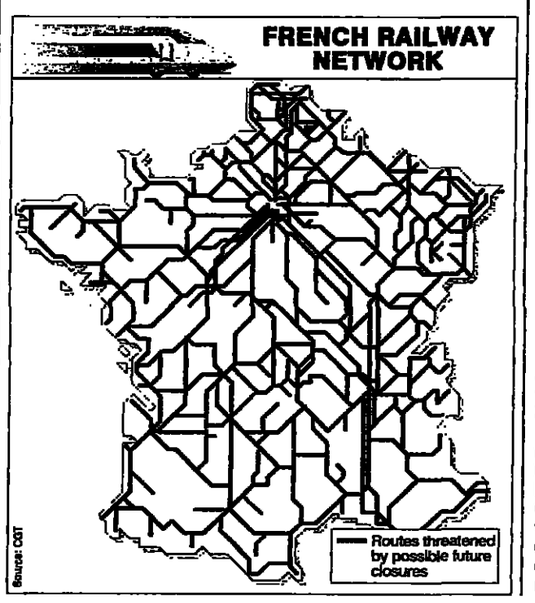
The popular high-speed TGV trains will eventually earn back the huge investment they required to build, but a recent government report concluded that more than half of France's rail lines run at a loss.

That statistic has a grim Beeching-esque ring to it. By the time Dr Beeching had completed his work, Britain's rail system had been halved to 11,000 miles of track.

The Government insists that the SNCF will not be privatised, but ministers point out that keeping unprofitable lines open for the sake of a handful of local residents is no longer viable in the new climate of fiscal austerity. Buses would do the job cheaper, they insist, to the fury of the SNCF's 180,000 workers.

The battle over the future of the SNCF is seen as a critical test of the Government's resolve. Many believe that if the restructuring of the rail company is successful, M Juppé will be encouraged to push on with reforming other public sector monopolies such as telephone, electricity and postal services.

The Prime Minister has dug in his heels, insisting that "the time for reforms has arrived". The rail unions, equally entrenched, are threatening to continue the stoppage "indefinitely", raising the prospect of a repetition of the crippling, month-long 1986 rail strike.



Top aides ousted in Milosevic purge

BY DESSA TREVISAN

BASKING in his international image as a peacemaker, President Milosevic of Serbia has moved swiftly against his associates and critics by expelling two leading figures in the ruling Socialist Party.

The move appears to be merely the first stage in a purge that will include top Yugoslav army generals.

Those who were eased out were Mihajlo Markovic, the chief ideologist of the Serbian Socialist Party and until recently Mr Milosevic's closest associate, and Borisav Jovic, formerly the President of Communist Yugoslavia, who worked with Mr Milosevic as he accumulated power through Yugoslavia's disentegration.

Mr Jovic, a member of the party executive until he learnt of his dismissal from journalists, dared to publish his diaries while Mr Milosevic was away in Dayton, Ohio, for the peace talks. The timing was no coincidence. Almost as soon as it was published, *Last Days of Yugoslavia* was withdrawn. The director of the publishing house Politika was arrested, released and immediately removed from his post. Nevertheless, the book has been available to those who knew how to get hold of it and it has stirred the spirits simply by recalling dates, events and situations in which the author and Mr Milosevic played a leading role.

"To publish what Jovic did means either to be mad or madly brave," a Belgrade journalist said. It covers the five-year period from the days Mr Milosevic took over in 1987-92, as Yugoslavia was already sliding downhill, and while Mr Milosevic had decided on the war option.

It makes clear that Mr Milosevic was the main architect of Yugoslavia's break-up, that he together with Mr Jovic had been conspiring with the Yugoslav Communist military establishment in the preparation of a military coup. At the same time the then Defence Minister was sent to Moscow to find out whether the Soviet Union would support them. Why the coup was never carried out remains a mystery.

The most damning revelation of his former henchman's diary speaks of Mr Milosevic's panic during the first massive demonstration against him in March 1991, when he demanded that tanks be moved into the streets of Belgrade. The move crushed the demonstration and saved his political life.

☐ **New York:** The Security Council voted unanimously to withdraw the last peacekeepers from Bosnia by January 31, ending the UN's 42-month mission. *(AP)*

Paris: France issued an implicit warning that two French airmen believed to be held by Bosnian Serbs must be freed before a Bosnian peace deal is signed in Paris on December 14. "They know the timetable," Hervé de Charette, the Foreign Minister, said in a radio interview. The Dayton peace agreement, to be signed in Paris by the Presidents of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia, bound the warring parties to release the pilots "quickly and unhurt". The pilots were shot down three months ago. *(Reuter)*

Latin lovers still rule in Rome

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Italian Casanova is alive and well, according to a survey indicating that 70 per cent of Italian married men admit to adultery and feel that it is merely the satisfaction of "a natural tendency".

The survey carried out by the Italian Federation of Psychologists found that 55 per cent admitted they had made love to a woman who was not their wife on one occasion: 25.7 per cent between two and five times, 15 per cent between five and ten times, 3.4 per cent between ten and 50 times, and 0.6 per cent more than 50 times.

Only 24 per cent said they had remained faithful to their spouses, and of those who admitted adultery only 19 per cent said they had confessed their betrayal to their wives. The survey also found that 46 per cent of married men believe that extra-marital sex need not put their marriages in jeopardy, a point agreed with by 44 per cent of single men.

The psychologists' federation said: "For men, only female betrayal remains a taboo."

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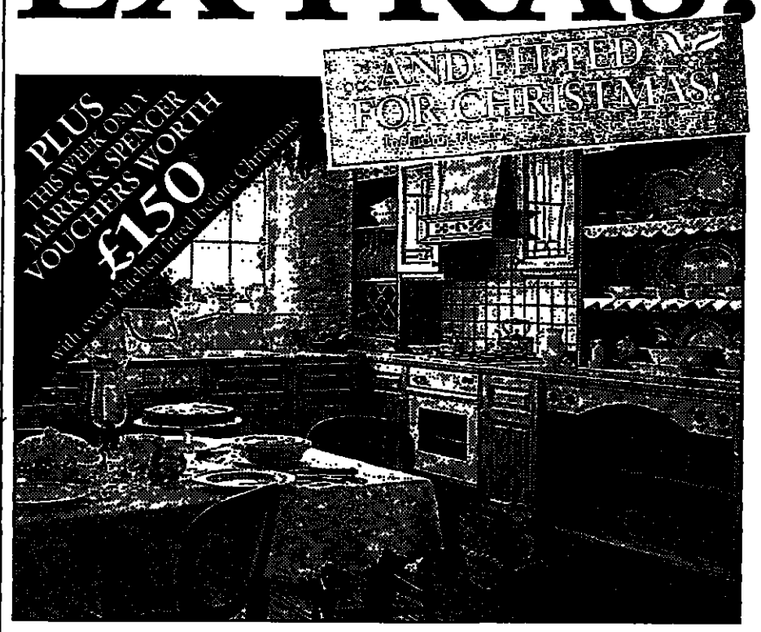
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Leakey-led alliance aims to topple Moi

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

KENYA'S leading opposition parties formed an alliance yesterday under the conservationist, Richard Leakey, to remove President Moi in the next general election.

The alliance, the brainchild of Dr Leakey and associates in his Safina Party, is likely to send shudders through the ruling Kenya African National Union because it it the first multitribal challenge to the President's authority.

If it holds, the alliance, which unifies the Kikuyu-dominated Democratic Party, the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy-Asili (a Luo and Luhya grouping), the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy-Kenya (another Kikuyu and Luo party), and Safina, will pose the greatest threat to President Moi since he came to power in 1979.

Opposition groups fragmented along tribal lines in the run-up to the 1992 elections, Kenya's first multiparty polls under Mr Moi, which allowed him to run away with a majority in parliament and thus take the presidency with 1.82 million votes when a total of 3.32 million were cast for his opponents.

Dr Leakey has been a central player in forming the alliance against Kanu. He began the task when he left Kenya's Wildlife Services after coming under "unacceptable" political pressure for blocking a series of attempts by government figures to "grab" parts of national parks and reserves for themselves.

"The Opposition alliance is a coalition of parties to establish a new democratic order that will ensure good governance, social justice, human rights and socio-economic prosperity for all Kenyans," an alliance statement said.

"The Alliance will mobilise all resources necessary for removing the Kanu party from power, eliminating corruption and tribalism, bringing an end to political persecution and murders and establishing a government of national reconciliation and reconstruction."

The Government, without explanation, has refused to register Dr Leakey's own party. But the grouping of the main parties already in parliament, and an agreement among all the important opposition leaders that they will field a single candidate against President Moi in the elections, expected next year, puts Dr Leakey at the centre of Kenya's political life.

"We made painful mistakes by not sticking together in 1992. We must not do the same at the next election," Martin Shikuku, general secretary of the Forum-Asili grouping, said.

Having forged the alliance, which he will serve as its general secretary, Dr Leakey's next aim is to reform Kenya's constitution and try to break the Government's monopoly hold on the mass media. "Without such minimum reforms, the next polls will not be fair," he said.

☐ **Gaborone:** President Masire of Botswana will call a summit of southern African leaders to discuss sanctions against Nigeria over the hanging of nine rights activists, Bergsman Sentile, the presidential secretary, said yesterday. A diplomatic source said the summit was expected to be held in South Africa, possibly on December 11. *(Reuter)*

South Africa accused of racism over funding

Johannesburg: Plans by the Government here to favour the funding of medical universities with higher proportions of black and Afrikaans-speaking students were condemned yesterday as a racist throwback (Inigo Gilmore writes).

The controversial move follows a rash of reports about the country's medical brain drain and efforts to lure doctors from other countries, including Cuba, to meet the shortfall. Since the beginning of last year more than 3,000 certificates, enabling doctors to practice in another country, have been issued.

"The proposals, if implemented, would amount to racism and social engineering of the most blatant kind, last seen in South Africa during the heyday of apartheid," said Tony Leon, leader of the liberal Democratic Party, traditionally a mouthpiece for English South Africans. "The real answer ... is to arrest the slide towards anarchy, which is the root cause of professionals leaving."



Hong Kong police surround a cardboard image of Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, displayed yesterday by a group of seven people as they called at the Xinhua News Agency to protest at Peking's arrest of Wei Jingsheng, the pro-democracy dissident

Egyptians angered by alleged poll fraud

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

PUBLIC anger at government vote-rigging in the first Egyptian election to be contested by all opposition parties since 1987 grew yesterday. Results showed predictably commanding wins in many of the 444 parliamentary seats for the ruling National Democratic Party, led by President Mubarak.

"A black day for democracy. Blatant rigging and open government thuggery," read the headline in the Liberal opposition paper *Al Ahrar*, as confrontations between police and opposition supporters continued in at least three Cairo constituencies over electoral abuses by the NDP.

Foreign election monitors were barred from Wednesday's poll on government orders, but Western diplomats said yesterday that there were well-substantiated claims of electoral malpractice and thuggery by the NPD.

"I hope we are not going to see the start of an Algeria syndrome," said an envoy, recalling how the cancellation of pro-Islamic votes in the December 1991 poll sparked a civil war there.

The Egyptian Government has displayed concern verging on panic at a potentially strong showing by the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood and other pro-Islamic candidates.

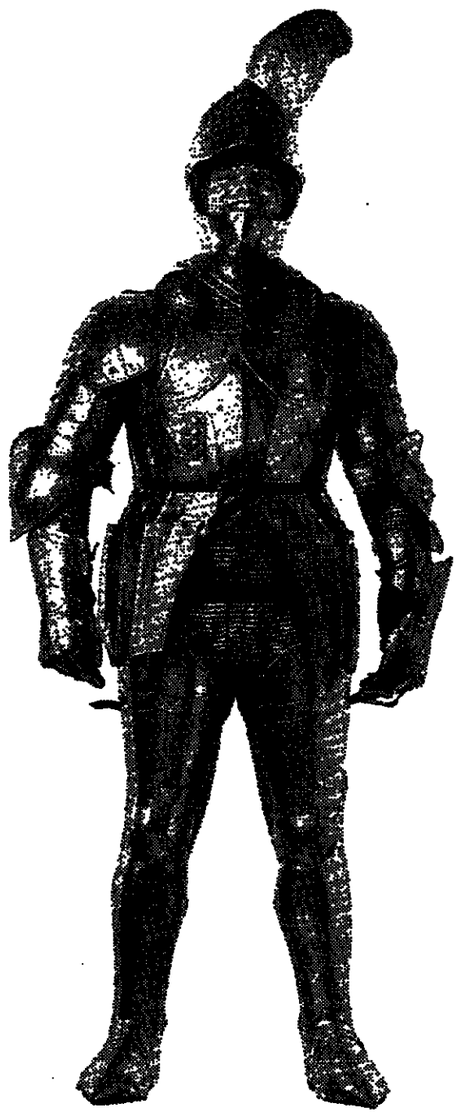
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Quakers fight to keep 'Eton of the Middle East'

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ONE of the most famous British schools overseas, which for more than a century has educated the sons of Kings, Presidents and Prime Ministers in the Middle East, will be removed from British control unless a Beirut court ruling can be reversed.

Brummana High School in Lebanon, founded by Quakers in 1876, survived 15 years of civil war during which all British staff were forced to leave. But after a surprise judgment preventing the London-based Quaker Peace and Service from regaining control, there are fears that it may be run down or sold by a small group of former pupils.

The school site, on the side of the mountains overlooking Beirut, is now one of the most valuable in Lebanon. Brummana, a largely Christian town, has boomed as the reconstruction of the country gathers pace. The property, still legally registered to the Quakers and accountable to the British Charity Commissioners, is estimated to be worth more than £64 million.

The dispute over its ownership has caused uproar throughout the Middle East. The school, with more than 900 pupils and provision for boarding, has long been the most famous British institution in the region.

The dispute is being portrayed by nationalists in Lebanon as an attempt by London to reimpose "colonial" conditions on the Eton of the Middle East. But former pupils, parents and local politicians believe that, if the Quakers are refused the right to resume their work at Brummana, the credibility of Lebanon's appeal to foreign investors to return will be undermined.

As the war worsened, the Quakers attempted to keep Brummana running normally. But overseas students were unable to attend and, fearing kidnap, British staff left.

In 1987 the school was temporarily entrusted to a seven-man committee of local old boys. They kept it open but two left the committee, a third died and the remaining members did not adhere to its constitution.

After the war ended, parents and old boys began a campaign to bring back the Quakers. They complained that the school had no headmaster, no proper management and that standards were declining rapidly. Brummana is now reported to be "bottom of the second division" in the informal rating of the American University of Beirut.

The Quakers will not give details of the dispute, which they have been attempting since 1992 to settle by quiet diplomacy. They have sent seven missions to Lebanon, but were so alarmed by developments that this summer they went to court. Against all expectations, the judge ruled in favour of the committee.

The Quakers appointed a new headmaster and school manager who arrived in the summer, but were warned that guards would prevent them from entering the school.



Brummana school in Lebanon, taken over by old boys

UN sanctions blamed for children's deaths

UNITED NATIONS sanctions imposed on Iraq after the Gulf War may have been responsible for more than 560,000 deaths among children, a study supported by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN suggests (Nigel Hawkes writes).

In August, Dr Mary Smith Fawzi and Sarah Zaidi from Harvard School of Public Health in Boston carried out a survey in 25 Baghdad neighbourhoods. They report in *The Lancet* that infant mortality has doubled since the beginning of sanctions, and increased fivefold in the under-fives. Stunted growth has doubled and children who were wasted had increased fourfold, from three to 12 per cent. The figure of 560,000 deaths, they say, is probably an underestimate

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Olga Polizzi, mistress of the Forte style, rejects the Granada takeover bid

'No one does bedrooms and bathrooms better than us'

Last Sunday, the clan Forte foregathered. It was Lord Forte's 87th birthday, an occasion none of them would miss: his six children, their five spouses, the 13 grandchildren. Lady Forte served the *arancini*, the grandchildren brought in the cake, the eldest grandchild proposed a toast.

Naturally, the conversation at the adults' table was about the £3.4 billion hostile bid for the Forte group from Granada.

To render the patriarch even fitter for the fight, his eldest daughter, Olga, gave him a "Sport Rider" exerciser which she demonstrates for me with vigorous rowing movements. The idea of Lord Forte using it at 87 is almost as pleasing as the Princess Royal's line about the Queen Mother ice-skating.

The striking Olga Polizzi, of the brilliant smile and impeccable chic, famous in gossip columns as the woman for whom Norman Lamont once sustained a black eye, is one of the hardest-working women I know. She tends to arrive at social occasions just in time: "I'm always the one who hasn't had time to change, or have my hair done."

What has occupied her for 15 years is the transforming of the Forte group's 97,000 rooms — 1,500 Post House rooms in the last two years alone — into things of beauty. You have only to recall what British hotels used to be like to appreciate what has been done. The country-house hotel has raised requirements of roaring fires, luxurious chintzes. "So we have had a lot of work to do. Because we have kept buying more hotels it's taken a long time to catch up," she says. "But now I don't think anyone can do bedrooms and bathrooms better than we can. Comfortable beds, a bright bathroom where you can actually see yourself — and all at a reasonable cost, every penny is calculated. I hate spending money, I would rather be making it. We may be offered tiles at £10 a metre and we beat them down another 50p. I've got quite tough."

One journalist who referred to "Rocco's forceful elder sister" got a card from Olga saying "Forceful perhaps; elder, no". Rocco is 50: Olga next in line. She and her sisters — Louise, Irene, Giancarla, Portia — went to St Mary's, Ascot, where Olga was a contemporary of Sarah Hogg.

She met her first husband while still at school: they married in 1968 and lived in Rome and Amsterdam, where he ran Alitalia. "We had a first child who died, and then two daughters, and then we didn't get on very well." Olga was living in London when he died in a car crash in Italy in 1980. Her father invited her to use her art-school training at Forte, to jettison the bland uniformity of the typical Forte hotel room and inject her own style.

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



"My father appreciates anyone who works hard and does their duty and is loyal, and he is quite tough on anybody who doesn't or isn't." She has said that she would never dare wear jeans in front of him.

Two years ago, Olga — still "Mrs Polizzi" in the office — became the third of William Shawcross's dark and beautiful wives, so she acquired an interesting father-in-law as well — Lord Shawcross, now 93, "one of the most brilliant men I've ever met". She was introduced to William, peripatetic writer and journalist, by Sir Charles Powell, whose Italian wife Carla (invariably described as "effervescent") is an old friend.

"William shows no interest whatever in any of our businesses," she says resignedly. "The only excitement he's ever shown was when he said: do you realise you've got a hotel in Rwanda?" On this cue, William walked into the Polizzi parlour and draped himself languidly across a sofa: he had come straight from Sarajevo.

Their mews house near Hyde Park epitomises her taste: it has the feel of a comfortable country house with eccentric touches, and a conservatory that accommodates three dinner tables. A framed letter from daughter Charlie (now at Edinburgh University), written when she was nine, reads: "Dear Mummy, thank you for not going out to dinner as often as you normally do."

Having flung myself into a Forte hotel late at night on some assignment, I once told Mrs Polizzi how much I appreciated the Palace, at Paignton, once dull and old-fashioned and now welcoming with open fire, glass of sherry on the reception desk, and — essential to me — large desk in a spacious bedroom soothingly decorated in Colefax and Fowler. She was relieved; she said people usually saved up their grumbles for her.

"We do think hard all the time, to be ahead of the game. Even in our Travelodges, you get a spotless room freshly painted twice a year, television and nice bathroom and, at about £30 a night for a family of four, fantastic value."

In 1989, Margaret Thatcher asked Mrs Polizzi to do up No 10. "It hadn't been done since Mr Heath, who put lots of silk on the walls. Mrs Thatcher had her own strong idea of what she wanted, and we worked at night to get it done. She wanted a feeling of lightness, but also practicality, so we did the main rooms with white and gold leaf, everything painted so that it could be easily washed down."

And Lady T was among the glitterati at the party when Forte reopened the Hotel Eden, in Rome, furbished by Olga in 1994.

This is one of Forte's trophy hotels, along with the Bristol in Warsaw, the Ritz in Madrid, and London's Waldorf, formerly such a dim place, now utterly transformed and usually full and able to double its rates. One of her favourite hotels in the world — and mine — is the Shelbourne in Dublin: genuinely the centre of the life of the city. People of all kinds flock there from morning till night and the buzz of blarney is unique: Olga has to have the lounge reupholstered every six months.

'My father appreciates anyone who works hard and does their duty and is loyal'

"One's so careful, and always wondering, does the decor make a difference?" (Answer: yes.) "But a good manager is vital. We spend £10 million a year on training. The whole perception of catering as a profession has changed: it's not just for your dumb son. My very clever daughter Alex, with her English degree from Oxford, has gone into it." Alex is a manager at Marco Pierre White's Criterion Brasserie in Piccadilly Circus.

The hotel industry was in the doldrums after the catastrophic Gulf War year, when many hotels closed down. Last year, the upturn started. "And next year," Olga says, "should be excellent."

Hence the Granada bid. Olga first heard about it at 7.30am, from a brother-in-law in the City. She could not believe it at first: "It seemed impossible that Granada had any synergy with Forte."

Since then it has been meetings, meetings. Sir Rocco is field-marshalling the campaign: "We have to persuade the shareholders that it's worth their while to stay with us. Since Rocco became chairman in '92, we have reorganised and rebranded. We've got rid of businesses which didn't fit in, like Gardner Merchant. The Meridien group has just turned round and we're now in 60 countries — and building in Bali and Jedda and Abu Dhabi."

All of which sounds extremely appealing to a predator. "But Granada has no international experience. We've bought a few small motorway hotels from them — and they've gone up 70 per cent. It's not an easy business," she says, "whatever Mr Gerry Robinson may suppose. Rocco was born and bred in this business. He has put together a team of managers all over the world that no hotel group could match."

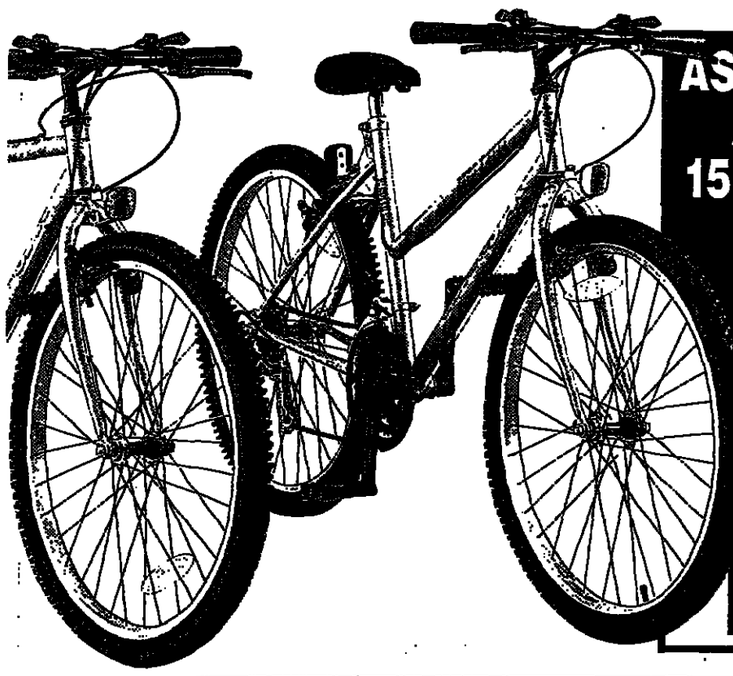
Having started 60 years ago with a milk bar in Regent Street, Charles Forte bought his first hotel, the Waldorf, in 1958. And it was in the Palm Court of the Waldorf that the Shawcrosses held their spectacular wedding party, with proper 1940s-style dancing. "We'll have another party," she says, "if we win this." And if they lose? "I refuse to believe it could happen. I certainly wouldn't work as hard for any other company, ever."

CHRIS HARRIS



Lord Forte's daughter, Olga, has spent 15 years restyling the group's 97,000 hotel rooms

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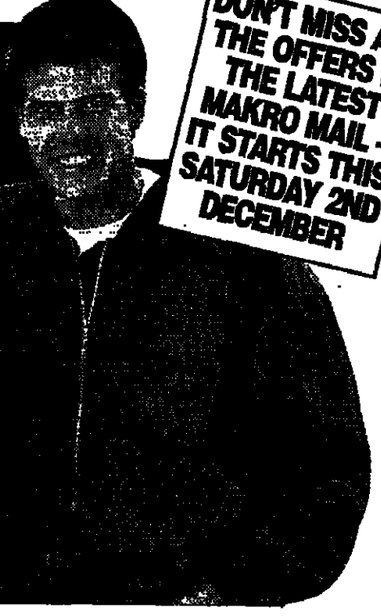
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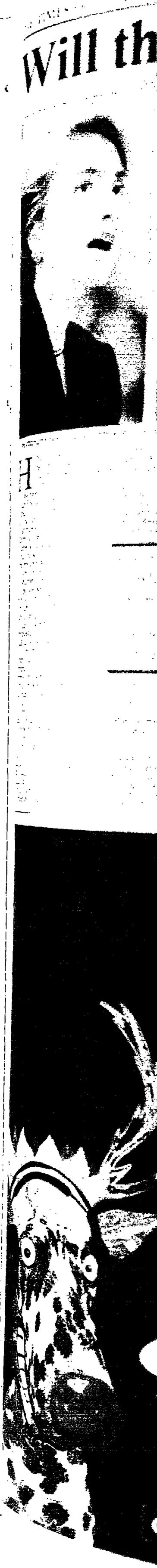
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Will the real Hillary Clinton stand up?

Feisty feminist or Stepford wife? **Joe Joseph** reports on the constantly changing face of the First Lady





The changing face of Hillary: her look as the Princess of Wales, an Iron Lady Mrs T . . .



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. . . a Barbara Taylor Bradford heroine and, this week with the Queen, Princess Royal

Hillary Clinton is the first to admit that she is like one of those psychologist's ink blots in which everyone can find whatever they are looking for. "I am a Rorschach test," she once confessed in a candid moment.

Feisty feminist who hasn't the time to dawdle at home baking cookies? You got it. Earth mother who publishes her own cookie recipe? That too. Sharon Stone-style siren when posing for Annie Liebowitz in *Vanity Fair*? Why not? What about scheming Lady Macbeth in an Alice band? It was her trademark. Sassy, metropolitan Tina Brown-lookalike in a Calvin Klein suit? Done that. Done the Mrs T. Iron Lady look, and the Barbara Taylor Bradford heroine in soft pink, too. Devoted mother and moist-eyed, stand-by-your-man wife? Absolutely.

To meet the Queen this week, Hillary Clinton chose wraparound Princess Royal hair coupled with a tweed suit cut from what looked like a blue, red and green picnic blanket, possibly Washington's idea of something sedate, regal and very British. Like Woody Allen's *Zelig*, she melts effortlessly into any canvas.

Gather up a collection of photographs of Hillary all taken within the space of a few months, and they look like police files of a clever bandit, disguising her appearance after every heist to keep the cops off her scent.

Like one of those magicians who performs startling card tricks right under your nose, the Houdini First Lady even managed this multiple-personality feat this week at her cosy coffee morning with "prominent" British women.

> 'She's very bright, focused, not a hair out of place'

The women were summoned, at short notice, to the US Ambassador's residence on Wednesday morning after receiving calls from embassy officials asking if they could meet Mrs Clinton for coffee and "woman talk". Yes, and I'm the Queen of Spain, many of the women thought. Having found the invites were genuine, of course they went. But they came away with such different impressions of the woman hailed as a "bitch" by Newt Gingrich's mum and "a beautiful woman" by Castro that is is hard to know if they were at the same gathering.

"I got the impression," says Sue MacGregor, presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, "that she's a thoroughbred filly who's been reined back to trotting round the paddock on a short rope. She's very bright, very focused, and not a piece of hair, a strand of wool, a word was out of place. I get the impression that, in election year, she's had to soften a little, but you feel she wants to break free. She spoke briefly about the backlash in women's opportunities in the US, and you couldn't help feeling it may be applied to her."

"I thought she was terrific," says Judith Newman, a literature professor from Newcastle University who chairs the British Association for American Studies. "It was a very productive and interesting discussion. I know this sounds earnest."

Surely the *Independent*'s Polly Toynbee can't have been at the same meeting? "The men with the mind machines have captured her," she wailed yesterday, "sucked the life out of her, fashioned her into the only acceptable model — a fully-fledged Stepford wife."

But tell us about her demeanour, Polly? How does she sit? "Stiffly, like a mannequin, her head nodding up and down mechanically, her expression glazed, half-smiling, hardly changing, her views anodyne, her words as carefully manicured as the lawns outside the window."

Lola Babboush, the American deputy editor of Auberon Waugh's *Literary Review*, was startled but "thrilled and honoured" to be invited, and jigged for joy around the Academy Club. When the phone call came through, however, the cynical Bron was convinced it was a hoax. Lola gushed: "I'm a fan of Mrs Clinton. Polly Toynbee thinks she's been turned into a Stepford wife, but it was just a coffee morning."

Gail Rebuck, millionairess and chairwoman of the publishers Random House, says she "found her enormously impressive. She was professional, relaxed, intelligent, stimulating and charming."

Georgina Henry, *The Guardian*'s deputy editor, sat up when Hillary told her guests that she wanted to "trade thoughts or ideas you might have about common interests, particularly among women".

So was she enlightening? Actually, says Henry, "she listened more than she spoke". Most tellingly, Henry recalls, Hillary made the searing observation that it was both "the best and the worst" of times to be a woman.

Bill Clinton smoked but did not inhale. At the coffee morning it seems that Hillary spoke but did not exhale anything worth hearing.

When she discussed the problem of single mothers, and told her audience that "whether you like it or not, children of lone parents don't do as well in school, they get in trouble with the law . . . it's a problem feminists are going to have to confront", feminists nodded wisely at this pragmatic voice of reason. When Hillary added that "divorce should be made harder", others could choke on their coffee and wonder if she had joined the American Right.

> 'They've sucked the life out of her. She's a Stepford wife'

Having once stood defiantly beside her husband and declared, "If you vote for him, you get me", having modelled herself on Eleanor Roosevelt — even down to penning a newspaper column — Hillary Clinton has become Washington's Princess Di: misunderstood by the press; willing to change her hairstyle to get a headline; she has had close and controversial relationships with men that she feels the press misinterpret; and her husband confesses embarrassing sexual liaisons on prime-time television. Now she even dresses like British royalty, though, unlike Di, she may not have the hips for Versace.

Sue Slipman, director of the National Training and Enterprise Council and, until recently, leader of the National Council of One-Parent Families, found Hillary Clinton "rather contained, very cool. I had no sense of her as a person. She knew what to say so as not to cause headlines."

Especially when everyone thinks that you are the cause of half that trouble. It is open season on Hillary Clinton in America. To give Hillary's PR handlers an inkling of how unsuccessful a job they were doing, America's *Advertising Age*, a marketing magazine, recently reported a joke that was doing the rounds: Bill Clinton is stepping off Air Force One with a pig under his arm. "Whatcha gonna do with the pig, Bill?" a bystander asks. "I got it for Hillary," says Clinton. "Good trade," snaps the bystander.

Hillary has been struggling to reinvent herself ever since.



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The low road to devolution

Magnus Linklater on Michael Forsyth's half-hearted proposals

Symbolism was the order of the day in Scotland yesterday — St Andrew's Day. Symbolically, the declaration of a new Scottish Parliament was read out at the Mercat Cross in Edinburgh's High Street, just opposite the great hall where the last one voted itself out of existence 288 years ago. Symbolically, the plans were presented at a meeting held in the Assembly Hall on the Mound, where Margaret Thatcher, staunchest opponent of devolution, once famously preached about Conservative values to the elders of the Scottish Kirk. Symbolically, speaker after speaker lined up to denounce her disciple, the Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Forsyth. And symbolically, Mr Forsyth chose the same day to announce his own ideas and steal much of the limelight. I suspect the headlines this morning are mainly about *him and not them.*

In some ways, this is not surprising. What Mr Forsyth has brought forth over the past two days represents a significant constitutional concession for a Government hitherto immune to pressures for change. By outlining plans which will bring senior ministers north of the border to debate Scottish legislation in Scotland, he is, as he says, bringing Parliament to the people. Westminster will still, inevitably, have the last word and retain the veto, but on ten occasions next year, ministers up to and including the Prime Minister will be flying up to places like Aberdeen and Oban to debate Scottish matters. Standing Orders will be changed so that even the Prime Minister will be required to appear before the Scottish Grand Committee to face a majority of truculent Labour MPs. At the very least there will be more to write about.

> These changes will take what the Tories haven't got: time

Whether this will set the heather alight is another matter. The reforms have come too late, they are not substantial enough to catch the imagination, and they have been left open to easy attack. The weasel phrase "when it makes sense to do so", slipped in by Mr Forsyth to leave ministers the final decision about which Bills come north, means that controversial legislation such as the nursery voucher scheme, which Labour opposes, probably won't be debated.

Would this reform have prevented the poll tax from being introduced in Scotland? Probably not. And it was perhaps unfortunate that the first example that Mr Forsyth cited of a Bill that would be dealt with in this way was the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill — which is not, thus far, a matter of keen dispute.

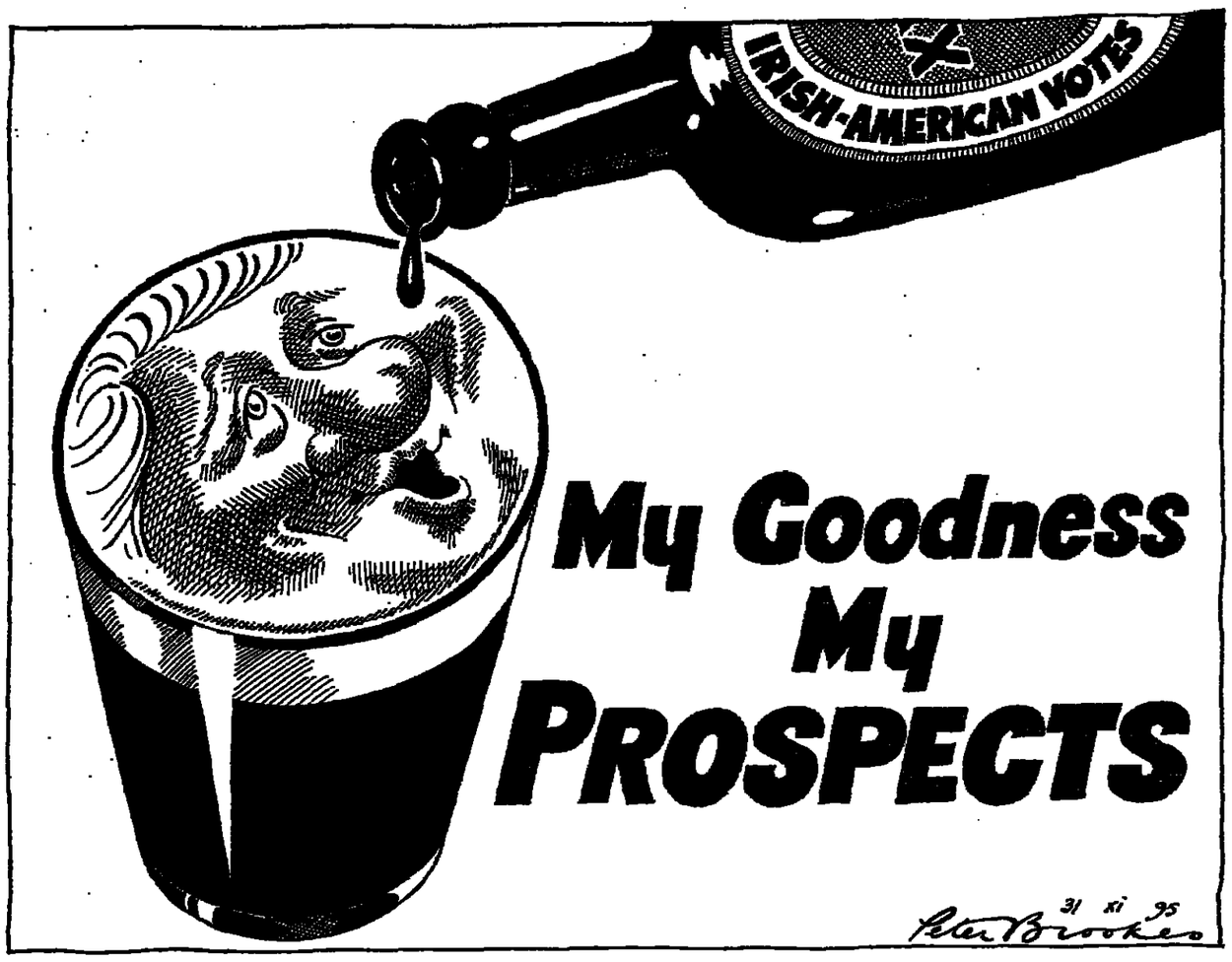
Nevertheless, what is being proposed here is not far short of what Sir Alec Douglas-Home was exploring at the request of Edward Heath in 1970. If John Major had taken the bold step of suggesting this five years ago, it might have had a significant impact. As it is, the caravan has moved on, and the constitutional convention, with its own well advanced plans for a parliament with tax-raising powers, has occupied centre stage.

What may prove to be far more interesting are the local government reforms which Mr Forsyth announced last night in a speech at Strathclyde University, a platform hitherto reserved for Labour politicians. What he has promised to do is introduce another form of devolution — the shifting of power from the Scottish Office down to local authorities. By inviting Scottish councils to submit a shopping-list of devolutionary proposals, and then announcing that he will adopt more than half of them, he has taken some of the wind from their sails. Last night he unveiled a lengthy list of concessions which he proposes to devolve, ranging from the faintly absurd, such as decisions on pelican crossings, to the potentially far-reaching, such as decisions on trunk-road building.

The Treasury has tied his hands on larger changes, such as removing the right to cap spending. But he has been able to agree to a form of "block grant" to local government, leaving its decisions to the councils themselves. This does raise the question of why he feels unable to go the last mile, and do the same for a Scottish assembly, but it will certainly give Labour something to think about — provided he can deliver. He has left himself room to manoeuvre by stating that he has not made a final decision on any of them. He proposes to consult on the measures "with a view to devolution". However, at a news conference yesterday he said that he had "pretty well decided" to make the changes.

Early indications are that the opposition in Scotland will concentrate on the minimal nature of some of the changes. Is it really a major constitutional change to allow councils to introduce their own by-laws on drinking in the street? Will the nation thrill to the knowledge that "public path creation orders" will be delegated to local councils? Perhaps not, but Mr Forsyth now has one of those fashionable "twin-track" policies. Armed with these new proposals he will lead a relentless attack on the "tartan tax" which he says a Scottish parliament would impose. Much as the Opposition maintains that this may never be introduced, there is evidence that talk of it is beginning to have an effect. Mr Forsyth believes he can turn Scottish opinion and win back the political argument against a full Scottish parliament.

His tactics have been bold, but I do not think the substance is enough. Reforms of this order, which may prove more significant than they appear at first sight, will take time to work through, time to make an impact, and time to be appreciated by voters. Mr Forsyth has proved that he has effrontery, imagination and a radical bent, but the one thing he does not now have is time.



China's handover fist

Peking has begun dismantling human rights in Hong Kong already

Bernard Levin

When I saw a substantial headline in the *Herald-Tribune* reading "Censure of China by UN is urged", I cannot say that I was unable to decide whether I should weep or laugh, as is the usual rule: I was too busy with rage and sorrow.

In the first place, there is not the smallest possibility of any kind of censure of China, now or ever. In the second place, if such a miracle did come to pass, nobody would or could do anything further at all about it. In the third place, it would be forgotten by everybody approximately a quarter of an hour after it happened. In the fourth place, nobody but me even noticed the headline. In the fifth place, yes, I am going to write about China and its evil once again.

Step forward Wei Jingsheng.

Ah, but Wei Jingsheng cannot step forward, or backward, or indeed in any direction, because he is chained with irons in one of the many dungeons of China, in which he has been incarcerated for some 20 months so far, with a death sentence hanging over him throughout.

I shall come back to Wei Jingsheng, but first I must point out a somewhat bizarre aspect of China's rule. As we know, there is nothing in China that could be seriously called a system of law. To start with, God alone knows how many millions — yes, millions — are suffering forced labour, in the vastness of the Chinese interior, and any ordinary Chinese citizen, living peacefully in Peking, and doing no wrong, can be snatched from his own doorstep, never to be seen again. And yet in this Stalinist world (remember, Mao Tse-tung not only murdered more than Stalin, but was proud of his murders and boasted of them), China today is called "socialist". Oh, I can hear the very whirrings as Keir Hardie turns, groaning, in his grave. But you must agree that the Chinese rulers — who could call themselves angels if they felt like it — have a strange vision of socialism. Moreover, I cannot remember seeing or hearing the word "socialism" even a very few years ago. Do the Chinese authorities believe that a new name for their tyranny will make it smell sweeter? And while I am on the subject, can anyone tell me whether there are still Peking-lovers from other lands (ours, for instance) who admire the wonderful democratic system of communist China as they admired the wonderful democratic system of the Soviet Union until it collapsed?

But I am wandering: my excuse is that Wei Jingsheng has got plenty of time on his hands, unless, of course, the executioner has arrived.

Once again, I shake my head in wonder, when I hear or read about the words that tyrannies employ when they are doing great evil. Take the very first handful of lunacy: "Wei Jingsheng has been charged with attempting to overthrow the Government".

I pause to let you savour those words. Mark: there is no suggestion that Wei Jingsheng has a secret army, its men trained to burst out of their lairs the moment Wei Jingsheng blows the whistle. Nor, for that matter, is the whole Chinese empire tottering to its fall, so that one push from Wei Jingsheng will bring it down for good.

But that was only the beginning: here is an official statement of the situation. "An investigation by Peking's municipal security departments showed that Wei had conducted activities in an attempt to overthrow the Government. His actions were in violation of the criminal law and constituted crimes."

But we are forgetful, are we not? Wei Jingsheng's name should not have been thought new. Indeed, if we have forgotten it, we should be ashamed of ourselves, because when Wei Jingsheng was arrested for attempting to overthrow the Government, *he was only a few months short of the end of a fifteen-year sentence, which he had been given in 1979 for taking part in the Democracy Wall movement.*

You gasp? I'm not surprised. Fifteen years behind bars (and there is no such thing as remission for such prisoners), and the minute he sees freedom looming he is back in prison, and this time under the shadow of the gallows. I ask again, getting no answer from that unanswerable question: how do men and women in those conditions, with no hope of succour, survive? What steel rod runs through their bodies, their heads, their hands? Ah, and their souls?

Meanwhile, the Chinese Government (you know, the one Wei Jingsheng is going to overthrow), has started to bluster — a good sign that we in freedom are making a dent at least in their wall of cruelty. Indeed, they are bringing out their most threadbare and shifty excuse for their swinery: we are told not to start "meddling in China's internal affairs".

Moreover, they are now saying that the case of Wei Jingsheng "is not a human rights case", and there is more and madder to come. Hark to the official Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang:

> I think our judicial department's investigation of Wei Jingsheng did not violate any so-called international standards. On the contrary, it was some people, some organisations, that interfered in our judicial process.

Well then, let us have some such interference, the more the better. For instance, there is a group of Chinese dissidents who have managed to escape to freedom in the United States: their organisation is called Human Rights in China, and they say that the charge was "transparently political and a flagrant violation of international human rights standards". There is also, in New York, a body called Human Rights Watch, Asia, which has urged President Clinton and other leaders to demand that the UN human rights commission launch a special inquiry.

Yes, words cost nothing. But even if they were very expensive, there is going to be no censure of China by the UN, because the first thing that the Chinese Government did when the Wei Jingsheng scandal broke was to have its people at the UN fiercely lobby against any censure, and they were successful. Well, you might say (but I don't) that the stir caused by the Wei Jingsheng wickedness has put the Chinese Government on the spot. But, alas, the Chinese Government has a vast number of spots, and by the time the Wei Jingsheng spot comes round, everyone will have forgotten him yet again.

But my beloved Hong Kong will not be forgotten, at least not until I am dead. And although I can *do* nothing to stop the crime that is pending only two years away now, I can still at least *say* something.

Again and again I said that the Chinese Government would, if it pleased them, break any promise given before the handover. But even I did not think that the most important rule built into the fabric of Hong Kong's human rights laws — civil liberties — would be attacked from Peking. Yet it is so, and the Chinese have recommended the scrapping of the human rights laws even before 1997 gives Hong Kong to the Chinese Government. That great pillar of Hong Kong democracy, Martin Lee, spoke up at once:

> We believe these proposals are a shocking blow to freedom after 1997, and represent a real threat to Hong Kong people ruling themselves with the promised high degree of autonomy. No legislature elected by and accountable to Hong Kong people would ever pass these draconian proposals . . . into law.

Mind you, not long ago there was a similar suggestion, and this from inside Hong Kong. It was suggested that the Bill of Rights be stripped of its power to override other local laws, which prompted fears that human rights would not be protected. Again, Martin Lee spoke up: "I am horrified," he said, "although I have to say I'm not really surprised."

But these new blows are much worse. Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, has taken a vast amount of buffeting, but when he heard of what was happening he immediately made his position plain. He announced that he will veto any attempt by China to establish a parallel government in the colony before 1997.

That is all very well, but there are other forces in these battles. From Jonathan Mirsky's *Times* reports from Hong Kong, we learn that those battles may be lost. And some will ask — already have asked — what does it matter, when there are only two years to go? But I have loved Hong Kong (did you know it translates as "Fragrant Harbour"?) since I was not long out of my teens, when it was still a ruin. That ruin touched my heart forever. May it keep that brave soul through all the storms to come.

Philip Howard



■ Take one Irish bull and milk it, American style

America, England and Ireland are two-and-a-half countries divided by a common language. Of course, they have their cultural differences as well. In England a public official caught with his trousers down with someone else's wife is humiliated as a sleazebag all over the puritanical tabloids, and fired. In other countries he is made President or Taoiseach.

As the presidential plane flew into Aldergrove yesterday, three garblers of the common language looked out of the window and saw a black bull. "How interesting," said the American diplomat, expecting all-American uniformity and lack of complexity in the world. "So Irish bulls are black." "Not at all, sir," said the wily Irishman. "You can only conclude that some bulls in Ireland are black." "Not so," said the nit-picking Englishman diplomat, remembering Damien Hirst: "All we can really be sure of is that in Ireland at least one bull is black on at least one side."

It is a linguistic cliché that distance makes the language differ. Colin Renfrew argues that primitive languages were diffused outwards by neighbours chatting across boundaries rather than by mass tribal migrations. But language also changes as it spreads across frontiers and from tribe to tribe. Dialect and grammar shift across so slight a boundary as a river, watershed or village march. So it is not surprising that English changes dramatically across divides as wide as St George's Channel and the Atlantic Ocean.

America and England first came to be divided by a common language, in Wilde's memorable words, when colonists and immigrants isolated themselves from British speech by crossing the Atlantic. In British English, "the President is in charge of ten secret servicemen and 15 spin-doctors" suggests that he is in control of his formidable cohort. In American English, it means the exact opposite, and probably nearer to the truth, that the spin-doctors and secret servicemen are in charge of the President. British idiom would express this notion as "the President is in *the* charge of his supporting cohorts".

Pentagonese, which favours euphemism and windbaggery, finds it necessary to describe a spade as a "combat emplacement displacer". This circumbloodyshovel has not crossed the Atlantic to the MoD yet. But, by Nato and Brussels, it will, Oscar, it will.

As for the clever remark about countries divided by a common language, it is not as obviously Oscar's as is generally supposed. Some say Winston Churchill, others say Saki, most say Oscar, and it has the Wilde ring of the Oscar who was a wildly popular lecturer in America for his wit and dandyism. Most dictionaries ignore the quotation because they cannot trace its source. It has been one of the classic misquotations, like "Lead on MacDuff!", and unattributable quotations, like the suddenly popular funeral poem of bereavement, "Do not stand at my grave and cry: / I am not there. I did not die." (This last is attributed to various hands, including an American Indian funeral chant. But nobody knows, and so it does not get into the quotation books.)

"England and America are two countries separated by the same language" was attributed to Bernard Shaw by *Reader's Digest*. And *Reader's Digest*, which employs infuriating pesterers called fact-checkers, knows what it is talking about more than British magazines.

But that is not the end of the hunt. Shaw was a resourceful hack as well as a mischievous wit. If you turn up Oscar Wilde's forgotten story, *The Canterville Ghost*, you will find what may have been Shaw's source. This is a short story about an American family unfortunately named Otis who take a haunted house near Ascot and terrify the resident ghost with their modern manners. Now read on: "Indeed in many respects she [Mrs Otis] was quite English, and was an excellent example of the fact that we have really everything in common with America nowadays, except, of course, language."

So the instinct that Oscar was the author was half-right. Subsequent scribblers borrowed it and adapted it for new purposes. Creative plagiarism is another way that language moves across all frontiers.

Little grouse

THE HATEFUL trill of the portable phone has invaded the last bastion of the Barbour set's rural idyll — the pheasant shoot. Tweeded gentry, who are already agitated by the advance of corporate man among the guns, regard the proliferation of the mobile phone as a calamity.

Next week's *Country Life* reports that stringent measures are being introduced. Lord Lichfield is said to have introduced a new rule at his shoot at Shugborough in Staffordshire: any gun whose mobile phone is heard ringing will be fined £20, and a gun who answers the call will be fined £50.

"It's frightfully bad manners to bring a phone on the shoot. Anyone who answers a phone should be sent home," says Rodney Haszard, agent to the trustees of the Lichfield estate. "When Lord Bradford answered a phone on a shoot earlier this year, my mother-in-law threatened to throw him out of the grouse butt."

The Duke of Devonshire supports fines: "I don't own a portable phone myself," he says. "But I hate them and I wish British Rail would have non-phone train carriages like non-smoking carriages."

● *President Aliyev of Azerbaijan, who is in London this week to open his country's Embassy, yesterday went to discuss the World Service with the chairman of the BBC, Marmuduke Hussey. These proved to be face-to-face talks of the most intimate — even closeted — kind. On arrival at Bush House, they stepped into a lift with their interpreters, only to have the lift become stuck just below the third floor for nearly half-an-hour.*



"I bet Mr Heseltine's behind the door at No 10"

Ear ear

UMBRELLAS were being confiscated in drizzly Londonderry yesterday because they were considered potentially injurious to the President. Secret Service agents were stationed on all thoroughfares into the city centre, and were busy removing brollies from everyone and stacking them in rubbish bins for collection later.

Many gawpers were so appalled at the prospect of losing their property to the brolly-snatchers that they decided to skip the Bill-and-Hillary show and go shopping instead. One further security scare came when Londonderry police announced they were hunting for a "serial ear-biter" who has gnashed out on a number of occasions in the city. There was mild concern for the presidential lobes.

Taro misread

A HEALTH FOOD which Jonah Lomu, the vast All Black rugby player, claims as his secret weapon, is felling lesser mortals. New Zealand health officers have issued a public warning about eating raw taro, a root crop responsible for a spate of poisonings.

The scare has arisen because many of those trying to emulate Lomu's giant size and strength have been eating what he calls "Tongan steroids" without realising what South Pacific islanders have known for centuries: that the leaves must not be consumed raw, but boiled thoroughly before mixing with coconut cream.

Ratings war

THE WALRUS-LIKE troubleshooter Sir John Harvey-Jones has been snubbed by the Ministry of Defence. It has refused him permission to visit the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth for a programme on Radio 4's *Going Places*, in which celebrities visit their favourite haunts in Britain.

The big man has fond memories of the college from his student days there, but his feelings are not reciprocated. Possibly because of Sir John's analysis of the college in a *Troubleshooter* programme earlier this year. "It's barmy," he said of the institution. "Not a tenable situation in the long term. My view is that we are training for yesterday's Navy . . . It's an anachronism."

● *Madame Tussaud's has asked Naomi Campbell to choose something for its new waxwork of her. "I hope she doesn't have one of those 'I simply don't know what to wear days'," says the representative.*

Bowl up

DARREN GOUGH'S bowling in the second Test in Johannesburg yesterday was unremarkable in all respects but one. It was the first time anybody can remember a fast bowler pounding down the pitch in sunglasses.

The wrap-around goggles remained on his nose to the bewilderment of the crowd. But there were suggestions that a bespectacled Gough was more effective than one without shades. He bowled erratically in his first session but was much improved in his second, when Vic Marks and Jonathan Agnew suggested on *Test Match Special* that his specs might account for the improved form. Geoffrey Boycott disagreed, with Yorkshire tact. "What a pair of dozy twits," he said of his colleagues.



Gough: behind the shades

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SACRED SERVICE

The Queen betrayed nothing by attending Catholic vespers

Yesterday's vespers service at Westminster Cathedral was a serene occasion worthy of its stately venue. It was held to mark the 100th anniversary of this "Christian-Byzantine style" building, which Cardinal Vaughan began to construct in 1895. But the service is more likely to be remembered for a different reason. By her presence in the cathedral yesterday, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British monarch since the Elizabethan Settlement to attend a Roman Catholic service in this country.

There are those who believe this was a dereliction of her responsibility as Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. In her Coronation Oath, the Queen swore "to maintain . . . the Protestant Reformed Religion". Even more robustly, the Church's 37th Article declares that "The Bishop of Rome hath no jurisdiction in this Realm of England". Some Evangelicals have argued that the Queen's attendance at Roman Catholic vespers violated her religious duties. It was even suggested in a letter to *The Times* this week that her decision would be seen as "an overt marker that public vows are no longer binding on personal conduct".

These objections are baseless and atavistic. They appeal to a centuries-old anxiety about the relationship between the Crown and the Church of Rome. A principal cause of the English Civil War was anxiety about the alleged ascendancy at King Charles's court of crypto-Catholics. The Emancipation Act of 1829 was considered by many contemporaries — and some historians today — as the symbolic death of the old monarchical order. The notion that formal contact between the Royal Family and Catholicism is somehow corrosive to the British way of life and constitution has lingered far longer than it should. Even in the 1980s, it was judged inappropriate for the Prince of Wales to attend a Mass in Rome celebrated by the Pope. The recent troubles of the Church of England have generated new fears and accentuated old ones. As many traditionalist Anglicans have gone over to Rome, some Evangelicals have become convinced that the Church must define itself more clearly and distinguish itself from Catholicism more visibly. The Supreme Governor, they argue, must take a lead in this campaign.

Yet the Queen's attendance at vespers should not have become embroiled with this debate about the future of Anglicanism. Her presence implied no concession to Catholic doctrine, no backsliding from the Protestant position — any more than the presence of a representative of the Chief Rabbi indicated that British Jews are flirting with Christianity. Instead, this simple ritual enabled the Queen's Roman Catholic subjects to express their loyalty to her; it enabled her, in her turn, to acknowledge that loyalty and to indicate her respect for their faith.

The signal from this gesture is not that the monarchy takes its religious duties lightly or is morally fickle but just the opposite. The Queen's presence at Westminister Cathedral had no doctrinal significance. Instead, it symbolised the importance attached by the monarchy to that which is sacred. Anglicans, Catholics and Jews define sacredness differently but they share the belief that it is something worth nurturing. One of the many roles that a modern monarchy can play is to support this spiritual quest in all its settings, to persuade people that the quest is worthwhile and to respect efforts to nurture what is holy. This is a symbolic function which the monarchy has performed since long before the Reformation divided Christian life in this country. In this sense, the Queen's attendance at vespers yesterday did not break with tradition but upheld it.

MEANWHILE IN WASHINGTON

While the President is away the American agenda advances

Eight days is always a long time for an American President to be outside Washington. That is especially true now. A political struggle is developing that will fundamentally affect the direction of domestic policy and the role of the federal government in public life. To Americans who remember how candidate Bill Clinton contrasted himself to George Bush as the domestic policy President, his absence at this moment seems all the more curious.

Political struggles over the budget almost prevented this week's British ceremonies from happening. The closure of much of the federal Government for six days before Thanksgiving had already obliged him to cancel a summit meeting in Japan. Cancellation of the Ulster offensive was averted, and much of Washington re-opened, only by an interim agreement in which the White House was forced to concede the core demand of its Republican opponents: that the American budget deficit would be brought to balance in seven years on the basis of economic projections made by the Congressional Budget Office.

The President's capitulation reflected the constitutional and political reality that congressional Republicans now set the domestic agenda and that, at least for the budget, the White House can do little more than adjust the edges. The scale of that congressional agenda is vast. Republican leaders have agreed a package that would eliminate the deficits that have plagued the United States for two decades.

Through the threat of his presidential veto Mr Clinton can rearrange priorities somewhat. He will trade a slightly smaller tax cut for more modest cuts in healthcare spending. Nonetheless, the overall shape and purpose of the budget will not be altered. The same may prove true of welfare reform where a federal entitlement that has existed since the New Deal may be abolished and policy returned to individual states. Policy seems set to move inexorably from the priorities and philosophy of President Johnson's Great Society to Speaker Gingrich's Opportunity Society.

Despite this shift in agenda the travelling President may still consider himself to have enjoyed a successful year. Politically he appeared dead after the electoral earthquake that ended the Democrats' 40-year hold on the House of Representatives. With his latest polling guru, Dick Morris, and a strategy of "triangulation", keeping his distance from both congressional parties, his public opinion poll rating has risen. He has spent 1995 associating himself with popular parts of his opponents' platform while distancing himself from more contentious items.

In this he has resembled François Mitterrand's adept manipulation of then Prime Minister Jacques Chirac between 1986 and 1988. This is not an analogy that Robert Dole, his front-running Republican challenger, will care for. With a Colin Powell candidacy now foreclosed, the Clinton team approaches the 1996 elections with some optimism.

Regardless of how the President continues to perform personally, it seems unlikely that this will translate into support for his party at the congressional level. The Democrats have a deep crisis of purpose that will not be resolved by whatever support the President can garner for himself. The next Congress will probably spend its energies on passage of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and radical restructuring of public revenues along a flat tax model. If the President is still in office he will have little positive role to play in such debates. The American domestic agenda has been comprehensively captured by Republicans: the rest of the world may thus get much more experience of seeing Mr Clinton abroad in eight-day stretches.

SILENCE OF THE LAMBS

The countryside is tranquil: true or false?

City-dwellers, on the whole, take two views of the countryside. Some believe that it is a deeply tedious place that smells of cows and has no decent restaurants. It may at times be tranquil, of course: but frankly, darling, tranquillity is overrated. Others subscribe to a pastoral tradition, which finds in the countryside the quietness and joy that cities and towns are supposed to have lost for ever. They take pleasure in brooks and bumblebees, gorse bushes and herds of sheep. If only urban life could be so charming, they sigh to each other.

But is the countryside really so idyllic? The Council for the Protection of Rural England does not think so. In a report published yesterday, the council lamented that the calm of the countryside has been shattered by roads which run like scars through the land, by chugging power stations, and by the sky-high growl of aircraft overhead. Its president, Jonathan Dimbleby, spoke weeping words. "Getting away from it all may become a distant memory unless we act to protect our rural tranquillity."

Yet those who speak of "getting away from it all" are prone also to getting carried away. The tranquil countryside exists exclusively in the urban mind, and always has done throughout history. In his *Idylls*, for example, Theocritus — clearly an urban sort of fellow — evokes the pastoral landscape of his purest invention.

We lay stretched out in plenty, pears at our feet,
Apples at our sides and plumtrees reaching down,
Branches pulling earthward by the weight of fruit.

Seen from Alexandria, we suppose they did. Virgil's *Eclogues*, too, are fanciful: haunting, and with some quite sharp bits about the resettlement of old soldiers, they are still the poems of a dreaming city-Roman.

It is these pastoral flavours, seen also in Spenser and Tennyson and Frost, that the modern, wistful urban being tastes in his imagination. The rural reality is different — and was ever so, even before countryside councils sprang up to write reports about rude lorries and planes.

Anyone who has spent a night by a farm will yearn the next morning for those familiar sounds of cars and urban clatter. The pre-breakfast moos and squawks are not part of the calmest script. Sheepdogs bark, crickets have their own orchestras, and a battalion of other creatures gives exercise to the throat. Remember Old MacDonald's farm? Silence there is not — not even in the most profound countryside. There can be tranquillity in one place alone: and that is in the personal landscape that lies between each individual's ears.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Good and bad in a cautious Budget

From Mr Adrian Cosker

Sir, The principal reason for the Budget's cautious nature (on which the Chancellor is to be congratulated) is Britain's disappointingly slow growth rate this year, which has left the PSBR (public sector borrowing requirement) £7.5 billion higher than expected.

If Mr Kenneth Clarke is not to be forced into being similarly cautious next year, with probably catastrophic results for his party, he should brook no delay, and, notwithstanding opposition that may come from the inflation-obsessed Bank of England, should stimulate the economy with interest rate cuts.

Yours etc,
ADRIAN COSKER
(Head of Economics),
The Knights Templar School,
Park Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire.
November 29.

From Mr Philip Hamilton-Grierson

Sir, The Chancellor intends that contracts under the Private Finance Initiative, destined chiefly for hospital and road projects, should rise to £14 billion by April 1999. Such projects are regarded as private sector assets and the investment is not included under public spending: the PSBR is thus reduced and either taxes can be cut or more spent on other things like patient care.

Marvellous! Or is it? All that has happened is that the private sector is borrowing on behalf of the public sector and then leasing the asset to the taxpayer at a nice profitable return — a rate of return which has to cover the higher interest cost paid by the private borrower compared with that paid on gilt-edged if the Government had done the borrowing.

Off-balance-sheet borrowing is quite common in the private sector, but there are accounting rules on how it must be shown. Should we not have clear accounting rules for the Government? Otherwise we may actually believe that the Government is really being awfully clever and financially prudent when in fact it is stoking up inflation and putting a higher deferred revenue expense on to the taxpayer.

Sleight of hand with the PSBR has no real merit. I could cut my overdraft by leasing my house and car and then spend more on day to day living expenses, but in the long run I will pay the penalty.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP HAMILTON-GRIERSON,
Pitlundie,
North Kessock, Ross-shire.
November 30.

From Mr Andrew Cooper

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Anatomy of a lie", November 29) cites the latest British Social Attitudes survey in support of his theory that the public's preference for increased taxation to fund more spending on education and the NHS is "unequivocal". He does not mention that when last year's issue of the same survey asked people to evaluate their personal tax burden, only three out of the 2,000 people interviewed felt they were paying too little.

In the face of such clear ambivalence — which was a prime factor in the pollsters' failure to predict the last general election result correctly — it is not surprising that politicians are more sceptical than Mr Jenkins is about the public's apparently earnest wish to have more of its money taken and spent by government.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW COOPER
(Head of Research),
Social Market Foundation,
20 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
November 29.

From Mr P. H. J. Whyman

Sir, The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs welcomes the Government's decision to modify its original plans for continuous licensing of motor vehicles by dropping the "off-road" licence proposal. It shows that ministers have heeded our representations.

Our suggestion was that 25 per cent of standard vehicle excise duty for vehicles over 25 years old would strike a fair balance between a social duty to contribute and the typical extent of use (most vehicles over 25 years old are insured on policies limiting annual mileage to under 3,000).

The Chancellor's complete exemption is a generous gesture which will be welcomed by enthusiasts, the vast majority of whom enjoy no more than modest incomes while their costs (already taxable) are significantly higher than those of the average motorist. The concession will also be of indirect help to the large number of small businesses which depend on a vibrant historic vehicle movement.

Yours faithfully,
P. H. J. WHYMAN
(Secretary), Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs,
Elton House,
Church Lane, Tydd St Giles,
Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.
November 29.

From Mr Gilmour W. Parvin

Sir, The duty on petrol only went up by 3.5 pence per litre.

Thank goodness the duty did not go up by as much as 15.9 pence per gallon.

Another victory for metrication.

Yours faithfully,
GILMOUR W. PARVIN,
26 Cramond Avenue, Edinburgh.
November 29.

Black holes, little universes and a 'trick up His sleeve'

From Mr E. Peter Ward

Sir, Professor Stephen Hawking has revealed a "truth" long known to engineers, namely that the future is unpredictable (Nigel Hawkes's article, "God does throw dice" and leading article, November 23). But he does us all a disservice by flushing out the baby with the bathwater.

As an engineer, I find that Newton's rule of thumb is immeasurably more useful than Einstein's, Planck's, Heisenberg's, Schroedinger's and Feynman's rules of thumb, which I call "the replaceable elastic bands of scientific theory". What Hawking misses is the enormous variation in predictability.

I am prepared to risk my life on the prediction that during my next flight the engines of the aircraft will not fail; and I would put a couple of fivers on the proposition that the Motor Show will again take place next year, though whether the new Rover baby will appear is far less certain. The solar system, too, works pretty well. We all know, on the other hand, that weather forecasting is unreliable.

In the late 1960s I tried to formulate "a measure of predictability". May I quote my own words in this connection (*The Dynamics of Planning*, Pergamon, 1970):

> In any system, the level of predictability is related, inversely, to the number, proximity and magnitude of interacting elements, their randomness of orientation and the time scale; and, directly, with the degree of insulation from external factors and the scope for control. Number, proximity, control and insulation are clearly interrelated, since no system is truly isolated.

Planning, unfortunately, is conducted in a context where all the inverse variables are at a maximum, while insulation and control are at a minimum. I am almost ready to admit that it is impossible. Perhaps chess (a very simple game compared with business), with its almost infinite variety of contingent moves, depending on the activities of only one opponent, underlines the problem.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WARD,
Trio, Carlton Road,
South Godstone, Surrey.
November 24.

From Professor Emeritus H. N. V. Temperley

Sir, The material universe is unpredictable because both matter and energy come in finite amounts, material particles and quanta. Professor Hawking's other arguments all amount to various aspects of this fundamental fact: Laplace's initial conditions — that if at any time one knew the positions and speeds of every particle in the universe, one could predict its future and trace its past — can never be known.

I suggest that an "uncertainty principle" governs our lives in the sense that it is not possible to predict the consequences of most of our actions. Certainly not those of the most worthwhile ones, such as choosing a career, entering a competition, investing, writing a book, marrying, deciding to have a child — the uncertainty associated with them is the very spice of life.

Therefore, we are gamblers for much of our lives, whether we like it or not, and it is not "immoral" to take the bonuses that life brings us. In some of our activities, like research or exploring, the uncertainty is of the very essence.

I see no conflict with Christianity. Christians believe that God works *through* people and is continually *using* their responses to their situations and to the uncertainties that are part of them. Therefore He has to be a gambler.

Yours sincerely,
H. N. V. TEMPERLEY,
Thorney House,
Thorney, Langport, Somerset.
November 23.

From Mr Samuel Manoharan

Sir, While it is true that the quantum theory and the uncertainty principle support the theory that prediction in precise terms is not possible, predestination (I certainly do not mean in a religious sense) or predetermined path is different. These theories show that both speed and the position of particles cannot be measured at the same time and hence prediction is not possible. True, man may never be able to measure and predict these things; but these measurements do exist.

Einstein's conviction that "God does not throw dice with the universe" should be interpreted to mean that man will be able to predict the future motion of a particle in probability terms only; but that assuming there is accessibility to 100 per cent information (in the case of God) there is only one outcome.

However, man will never have 100 per cent information, as in the case of a black hole. The 20th-century theories say that the universe is not deterministic to man; but this does not disprove that the universe is predetermined. In that sense, I think Einstein got it right.

Yours sincerely,
SAMUEL MANOHARAN,
44 Greenleaf Road, E17.
November 24.

From Mr Robert Saxena

Sir, I attended Professor Stephen Hawking's lecture at the Royal Albert Hall on November 22 and would like to publicly thank him for solving, partly at least, some questions that have troubled thinking Christians for generations.

Actually, I am not surprised to see that, according to your leader of November 23, some theologians object to Hawking's use of the word "God" because they think "he does not understand it". My own experience of theologians convinces me that it is *they* who do not understand the God of the Bible. Hawking used his God-given reasoning ability in presenting his case, and he showed he understood our Creator a lot better than religionists do.

Briefly, God created man with a free will, and a conscience to exercise it; which is why Scripture says man was originally made in the "image of God", unlike the animals, who were not given conscience or free will.

Now, if man had free will, the term would be meaningless if he could not use it. It could be said, then, that God *gambled* (by His granting man free will) to judge whether or not he would exploit his freedom for his good; so God gave him a simple test, "the forbidden tree". But man used his free will by failing the test, thus introducing a catalogue of woes afflicting mankind ever since.

However, in the words of Hawking, God still had a "trick up His sleeve" when He pledged at the outset of man's original sin that He would, in His own time, introduce a saviour for mankind (Genesis iii. 15). In a nutshell that is the Bible's message, and it does not fundamentally disagree with Professor Hawking's.

Yours sincerely,
R. G. SAXENA (Editorial Servant, Bible Research Fellowship),
25 Edgell Street,
Kettering, Northamptonshire.
November 23.

From the Reverend J. W. Fulton

Sir, What Hawking has shown is that the universe is *indeterminable*, not *indeterminate*. Could it be that Nigel Hawkes, and even Stephen Hawking, have confused these two different issues?

Just because we cannot predict every effect, does not mean there is no complete system of causes. Given unlimited information, even the future movements of lottery balls could be predicted. To borrow Einstein's image again, God does still have a few tricks up his sleeve, not because He gambles, but because He has more information than we do.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN FULTON,
The Rectory,
Church Lane, Hepworth, Diss.
November 23.

From Professor Bob Spence, FEng

Sir, Having spent three exhausting hours with my 18-month-old grandson, and mindful of Professor Stephen Hawking's recent concern about what God is doing, I wonder if the Professor would entertain the hypothesis that He is moving distant objects even further away so that we don't play with them?

Yours,
BOB SPENCE,
1 Regent's Close, Whyteleafe, Surrey.

Protecting the foetus

From Ms Elaine E. Sutherland

Sir, Your reference to "new legal protection for unborn children" (report, November 25) ignores the fact that this legal point was decided in Scotland as long ago as 1989. In *McCluskey v H.M.A.*, a driver was convicted of causing death by dangerous driving when the child, born hours later, died as a result of a collision with a car in which the pregnant woman was a passenger.

While this is a statutory offence in Scotland, it is thought that the same principle would apply to cases of culpable homicide (broadly similar to manslaughter). It should be remembered that this case, and its recent English counterpart, applies within the confines of the criminal law.

So far as civil liability is concerned, the law in Scotland remains unchanged. That is to say, liability for negligence attaches, provided a child is born alive. Furthermore, so far as the law on abortion is concerned, the case need have no implications whatsoever.

When a woman becomes pregnant, it can be argued to be her choice whether or not she proceeds with the pregnancy, the constraints of the Abortion Act permitting. Once she decides not to abort the foetus, the civil law creates for her and everyone else the general duty of care not to injure that foetus.

Maybe a glance at the jurisprudence north of the border would be helpful on occasions.

Yours faithfully,
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November 25.

'Positive' discipline

From Mrs M. Hundleby

Sir, I take issue with Mrs Cavaghan-Pack (letter today). I think the only time a smack is permissible is when you *are* at the end of your tether. Children are then shocked to find how far they have pushed you.

If you are so cool, calm, and collected that you have time to go into the kitchen to get a wooden spoon, you should be calm enough to find a better alternative.

Yours sincerely,
MARION HUNDLEBY,
35 Kelross Road, N5.
November 23.

Tinkering with words

From Mr Ian Pittaway

Sir, Yorkshire Water may have made an important new contribution to the English language. My wife and I spotted one of its vehicles heading north to the wetter lands of Northumbria at the weekend bearing the legend "Tankering for Yorkshire Water". Tankering?

Yours sincerely,
IAN PITTAWAY,
Nicholson Graham & Jones,
25-31 Moorgate, EC2.
November 28.

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Bar complaints

From the Legal Services Ombudsman

Sir, I was most disappointed to read (News in brief, later editions, November 23) that an open meeting of barristers voted by 188 to 104 against the introduction of a new complaints system which would have given the Bar Council power to award compensation to lay clients for inadequate professional service.

In my view, the fears of some members of the Criminal Bar that this would open a floodgate to complaints from former clients in prison are groundless, since the proposed compensation would not cover work in court for which barristers have immunity from actions in negligence.

The new complaints system is now to be put to a postal ballot of all members of the Bar. In its present form it is a very modest proposal indeed and one that is long overdue.

I profoundly hope that barristers will vote in favour of its introduction in the forthcoming ballot. If they do not, they will in effect be saying that other professions and businesses may need a proper complaints system, but the Bar does not.

In the age of the Citizen's Charter that would do the Bar's reputation no good at all and make government intervention much more likely.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BARNES,
Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales,
22 Oxford Court, Oxford Street,
Manchester M2.

Questions of entail

From Mr H. C. Norwood

Sir, The unhappy topic of entails on heirs male [letters, November 18, 25, 30] always makes for dissension in families. For instance, during January 1776, whilst living in Edinburgh, James Boswell attempted to draft such an entail which would have disinherited his own daughters.

Boswell's wife Margaret was distraught and wrote to Dr Johnson for help. Dr Johnson responded nobly, but he had to write six long letters to Boswell before common sense was allowed to prevail.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH NORWOOD,
6 Church Row, St Mary's Square,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
November 19.

Where nurses learn

From Mrs Rosemary G. McGhie

Sir, I was interested to read Rosemary Righter's article (November 21) on the subject of the Queen Mother's hip operation at the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London. She states: This is not a hospital in which nurses learn by doing, with you as a guinea pig; as a three times patient in the past three years, I am convinced that they are the best — the most deft, knowledgeable and sympathetic — in the world.

I wonder where these nurses "learned" these skills and attributes? I suggest the NHS provides the training and standards to which the majority of the British public are exposed.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. McGHIE,
Yasume,
Pilmir Road West,
Forres, Grampian.
November 26.

Oh dear

From Mrs Sara Mason

Sir, There appears to be an increasing trend in your Births announcements to describe new arrivals as "beautiful" or "lovely". Five of the eleven in today's column are so described.

What, I wonder, do the other six look like?

Yours faithfully,
SARA MASON,
Lane Cottage,
Amberley,
Near Stroud, Gloucestershire.
November 28.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 30: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

Mr Andrew MacKay MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

Her Majesty this afternoon attended an Ecumenical Service at Westminster Cathedral to mark the Centenary of its foundation.

After the Service The Queen toured the Centenary Exhibition in Cathedral Hall and met Cathedral staff and volunteers.

Subsequently, Her Majesty, with The Duchess of Kent, attended a Reception in the Throne Room.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at St James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening attended a Dinner at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, London WC2, and presented the 1995 Albert Medal.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 30: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

November 30: The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, this afternoon attended a Midland Division Reception and Luncheon for the British Olympic Appeal at Norwich Airport Hotel.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 30: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, this morning visited Wattisham Airfield, Ipswich.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited British Telecom's research laboratories at Martlesham, Suffolk.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman, Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, this evening gave a Reception at Sandringham House.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 30: The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited Cheshire and Greater Manchester and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness visited St Ann's Hospice Gift Fair at Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire. Subsequently The Duchess of Gloucester visited the Hospice, St Ann's Road North, Heald Green, Cheadle, and afterwards opened the Burnage Primary Care Resource Centre, Burnage Lane, Burnage, Greater Manchester.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness visited Staffordshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire (Mr James Hawley). The Duchess of Gloucester opened the Meir Community Education Centre, 718 Uttoxeter Road, Meir, and later visited the Hothouse, centre for ceramic design, St James House, Webberley Lane, Longton.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES' PALACE
November 30: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, today visited the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, Victoria Barracks, Windsor, Berkshire.

The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Dragoon Guards, this evening attended a Regimental Dinner, the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, London W1V.

Mrs Richard Beckett was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will preside at a meeting of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Trustees, at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, as patron, will open the new head office of the Charities Aid Foundation, at Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, at 3.15.

The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will preside at the conferment of degrees ceremony in Guildford Cathedral at 2.25.

The Duchess of Kent will visit HM Prison Downview, Sutton Lane, Sutton, at 2.00.

Birthdays today

Mr John Aldridge, orthopaedic surgeon, 53; Mr Woody Allen, actor and director, 60; Professor Sir Norman Browse, former president, Royal College of Surgeons, 64; Mr Anthony Coe, Chief Constable, Suffolk, 54; Mr Gordon Crosse, composer, 58; Mr Mike Denness, cricketer, 55; Mr Stephen Edell, Ombudsman for the Personal Investment Authority, 63; Miss Eva Evdokimova, prima ballerina, 47; Lord Glenconner, 69; Dame Alicia Markova, prima ballerina, 85; Mr Keith Michell, actor, 67; Miss Bette Midler, singer and actress, 50; Sir William Pile, civil servant, 76; Mr Stephen Poliakoff, playwright, 43; Mr Richard Pryor, actor, 55; Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, 71; Dame Mildred Riddelsdell, civil servant, 82; Mr Andy Ripley, rugby player, 48; Mr David Roddan, general secretary, Prison Governors Association, 37; Lord Roll of Ipsden, 88; Mr Lee Trevino, golfer, 56; Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, 61.

Luncheon

Consular Corps of London
Mr Willie S. Wilder, President of the Consular Corps of London, presided at a November luncheon held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel, Grosvenor Square. The Ambassadors of Angola and Cameroon were among those present.

Appointments

Mr Richard Edis to be Ambassador to Tunisia from Monday in succession to Mr Michael Tait who retired from the Diplomatic service in October.

Valerie Bott to be Deputy Director of the Museums & Galleries Commission from February 1996.

Bakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Bakers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr C.B. Judge; Upper Warden, Mr J.L. Moon; Second Warden, Mr C.J. Gilford; Third Warden, Mr C.F. List; Under Warden, Mr R.B. Osborne.



DAVID GILES

Norman Wisdom, the 80-year-old comedian, shows his grandson Lawrence, aged 6, the insignia of the OBE he received from the Queen at an investiture in Buckingham Palace yesterday

School news

Durlston Court School
The Governors of Durlston Court School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr E.G. Liston as Headmaster to succeed Mr J.T. Seddon who will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term 1996. Mr Edward Liston is presently a Housemaster at St Edmund's Junior School, Canterbury.

The Godolphin School, Salisbury
The Governors of the Godolphin School, Salisbury, announce the appointment of Miss Jill Horsburgh as Headmistress, with effect from September 1996, when the present Headmistress, Mrs Hilary Fender, takes up the headship of Headington School, Oxford. Miss Horsburgh is currently Assistant Head of Benenden School, Kent.

The Hulme Grammar School
Mr Tim Turvey, currently Acting Headmaster of The Hulme Grammar School for Boys, has been appointed Headmaster with immediate effect.

Receptions

Royal Society of Arts
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, presented the society's Albert Medal for 1995 to Sir Adrian Cadbury for his outstanding contribution to business and corporate governance at a reception and dinner held last night at 8 John Adam Street. Ms Prue Leith, chairman of council, and Mr Peter Cowling, RSA director, were the hosts.

To the Speaker
The Speaker was presented with The International Council of Christians and Jews' Interfaith Gold Medallion by the Indian High Commissioner, Dr L.M. Singhvi at a reception held at Speaker's House yesterday. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided.

Representatives of both Houses of Parliament, members of the Diplomatic Corps and spiritual leaders of the International Committee for the Peace Council were present.

Institute of Actuaries

The following candidates have completed the examinations requirements for the qualification of Fellowship of the Institute of Actuaries:

Anderson, J D, Norwich; Arends, M L, London; Ashton, K, Horsham; Baid, S K, London; Baillie, B D, London; Bain, D A, Dublin; Bennett, C N, London; Berzack, W E, Johannesburg; Birkenhead, J, Croydon; Bishop, D A, London; Borghello, M, New york; Buckle, I K, York; Camfield, J P, Bournemouth; Cannell, Miss J K, Birmingham; Chandler, A M, London; Couper, A J, Cheltenham; Dalton, G C, Leeds; da Silva, Mrs R, Johannesburg; Downes, P R, Isle of Man; Downie, D O, Bournemouth; Dunn, J D, London; Emmett, G, Exeter; Eshelby, J M, Bristol; Evans, D, Croydon; Eyres, Miss R A, Liverpool; Faure, Mrs J M, Cape Town; Gladwin, A G, Cape Town; Harding, P, Manchester; Hendriksen, D A, Birmingham; Hunt, A J, London; Hurley, J B, Bristol; Imam-Sadeque, F, Croydon; Jackson, M N W, Manchester; Jagger, S L, London; Jones, T M, Oxford; Kelly, Ms K A, London; Keohane, D J, Croydon; Knight, J M, Oxford; Lee, J J, Wellington; MacDonald, F N, London; Mackie, F J, Croydon; Martin, A, London; Maxwell, G H, London; Mills, G A, Croydon; Mithani, A K A, Oxford; Moloney, M G, Dublin; Murray, C A, Dublin; Ng, W K, London; O'Cathain, S, Dublin; Occleshaw, J E, Norwich; O'Dwyer, F A, Edinburgh; O'Regan, M F, London; Pascoe, T J, Cape Town; Pearson, S J, Croydon; Pinnock, J C, Croydon; Polley, Miss A J, London; Porter, J R, London; Purslow, M J, London.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marie Tussaud, founder of the waxwork exhibition, Strasbourg, 1761; Alexandra, Queen Consort of King Edward VII, Copenhagen, 1844.

DEATHS: King Henry I, reigned 1100-35, Lyons-la-Forêt, 1135; Lorenzo Ghiberti, sculptor, Florence, 1455; St Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary, Shang-ch'ua, China, 1552; St Edmund Campion, Jesuit martyr, executed, London, 1581; Sir George Everest, military engineer, London, 1866; Archibald Campbell Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury 1869-82, Addington, 1882; Vincent D'Indy, composer, Paris, 1931; Samuel Courtauld, industrialist and art patron, London, 1947; Sir Peter Buck, anthropologist and Maori statesman, Honolulu, 1951; John Burdon Haldane, scientist, Bhubaneswar, India, 1964; David Ben-Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel 1948-53 and 1955-63, Tel-Aviv, 1973.

The Royal Academy of Arts was founded, London, 1768.

Lady Astor became the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons, 1919.

The Beveridge Report on social security was published, 1942.

Institute of Physics

The following have received the 1996 Awards of the Institute of Physics:

Glazebrook Medal and Prize:
Sir William Mitchell, FRS, formerly Professor of Physics, Reading University and Chairman of SERC

Guthrie Medal and Prize:
Professor Edward Roy Pike, FRS, Clerk Maxwell Professor of Theoretical Physics, King's College, London

Paul Dirac Medal and Prize:
Professor John Brian Pendry, FRS, Professor of Theoretical Solid State Physics and Dean of the Royal College of Science, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine

Charles Vernon Boys Medal and Prize:
Professor Richard Edward Palmer, Professor of Experimental Physics, Birmingham University

Bragg Medal and Prize:
Miss Brenda Margaret Jennison, Department of Education, Cambridge University

Duddell Medal and Prize:
Dr Martin P. Seah, Centre for Materials, Measurement and Technology, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex

Kelvin Medal and Prize:
Professor Francis Edwin Close, Head of Theoretical Physics Division, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Chilton, Oxfordshire

Maxwell Medal and Prize:
Dr Michael Christopher Payne, lecturer, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge

Paterson Medal and Prize:
Dr Michael Roy Worboys, Device Applications and Interconnexion Laboratory, GEC-Marconi Research Centre, Great Baddow, Essex

Rutherford Medal and Prize:
Professor David Vernon Bugg, Professor of Physics, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University

Memorial service

Sir Clifford Jarrett
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Clifford Jarrett, civil servant, was held yesteday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated. Mr Paul Jarrett, son, and Sir Alec Atkinson read the lessons. The Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, read Matthew Arnold's *Dover Beach*.

Sir Paul Osmond and Dame Mildred Riddlesdell paid tribute.

Among those present were:
Lady Jarrett (widow), Ms Susan Jarrett (daughter), Mr and Mrs Robert Waterhouse (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Paul Jarrett (daughter-in-law), Miss Audrey Beacock (sister-in-law), Miss Susan Jarrett, Miss Julia Jarrett, Mr and Mrs David Waterhouse, Mr Philip Waterhouse, Mr Mark Waterhouse, Miss Sarah Thomas, Miss A Cook, Mr Leo Campbell, Mr and Mrs Roy Hardy, Dr and Mrs David Veitch, Mrs E Elgar.

Lord Moore of Wolvercote, Sir Frank Cooper, Sir Patrick Nairne, Lady (Alec) Atkinson, Vice-Admiral Sir Ronald Brockman, Sir Richard Powell, Sir Moray Stewart (Second Permanent Under Secretary, Ministry of Defence), Sir Michael and Lady Partridge, Sir Arthur Hockaday, Lady Osmond, Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, Mr and Mrs Robert Hodgetts, Mr David E J Jago, Mr and Mrs Peter Lee, Mr A A Pritchard, Mr Charles Regan, Mr R N Simeone, Dr R E Thornton, Mr C Wallworth.

Mrs Ann Bowtell (Department of Social Security), Mr K H Ruffell (Dover Grammar School for Boys and the Old Pharosians' Association), Vice Admiral J H Dunt (Navy Board), Lieutenant Commander Roy Rates (RNVR) and Mrs Rates, representatives from Dover Harbour Board, the Civil Service Sports Council and many other friends.

Service dinners

The Royal Dragoon Guards
The Duchess of Kent, Colonel Duchess, The Royal Dragoon Guards, attended the annual Regimental Dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant General Sir Anthony Mullens, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

The Royal Green Jackets
The annual dinner of the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, was held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Honorary Colonel, presided.

HQ Strike Command
Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Headquarters RAF Strike Command, received the guests at a dining in night dinner held last night at RAF High Wycombe. Group Captain A.C. Montgomery presided.

Latest wills

Sir Norman Edgar Costar, of Lewes, East Sussex, British High Commissioner in Cyprus 1967-69, left estate valued at £692,095 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.L. Babcock
and Miss P.J. Hume
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of the late Mr William Babcock and of Mrs Mary Babcock, of Minneapolis, USA, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hume, of Shimpling, Suffolk.

Mr M. De La F. Ford
and Mrs M.M.S. Castell
The engagement is announced between Michael Ford, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, and formerly Purley, Surrey, and Mary Castell née Lyons, of Polegate, East Sussex, and formerly Bangor, County Down.

Mr N. Foreman
and Miss K.A.M. Cunningham
The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place in the autumn of 1996, between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs N. Foreman, of Hornchurch, Essex, and Kerstell Alexandra Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Cunningham, of Woodford, Essex.

Mr J.E. Harding
and Miss J. Cotterell
The engagement is announced between John, son of Captain and Mrs R. Harding, of Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, and Joanne, daughter of the late Mr D. Cotterell and of Mrs C. Cotterell, of Warmley, Avon.

Mr J.W. Hilton
and Miss A.J.V. O'Keeffe
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hilton, of Otley, Suffolk, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs Darroll O'Keeffe, of Great Crosby, Merseyside.

Mr R.I. Holman-Baird
and Miss P.S. Thomson
The engagement is announced between Richard Ian, eldest son of Mr John and Lady Diana Holman, of Rickarton, Stonehaven, and Polly Sophia, daughter of the late Mr Angus Thomson and of Mrs Susan Thomson, of Ansdell Terrace, Kensington, London.

Mr P.D. Pender-Cudlip
and Miss S.E. Oliver
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Captain and Mrs David Pender-Cudlip, of Marnhull, Dorset, and Sophie, daughter of Dr Peter Oliver, of Milton Abbas, Dorset, and Mrs Adrian Bailey, of Marnhull, Dorset.

Marriage

Dr S.C. Lorch
and Ms S.B. Kochan
The marriage took place on November 23, in Luton Hoo, between Dr Steven Lorch, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Lorch, of New York, and Ms Susanna Kochan, daughter of Dr and Mrs Dennis Kochan, of London.

Dinners

Glaziers' Company
Mr Patrick Lowe, Master of the Glaziers' Company, presented the Glaziers' award for community service to Cadet Sergeant Bess Kanijo, of the South East London Army Cadet Force, at the installation dinner held last night at Glaziers' Hall. The Master presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr Malcolm Tosh and Mr Geoffrey Bond. Mr Richard Morgan, Warden of Radley College, Mr Richard Stone and the Rev Ronald Lloyd also spoke. Among those present were:

The Deputy Mayor of Southwark, the Provost of Southwark, and the Masters of the Upholders', Farmers', Scientific Instrument Makers' and Launderers' Companies.

Dean Close School
The Bollinger Club held its Michaelmas Term Dinner on Monday, November 27, at which Mr Derek Howard-Orchard, the Director of United Energy Plc, was the guest of honour. Also present were Mr C.M. Kenyon, President, Mr L.S. Allington, Senior Member, and the Headmaster and Mrs Bacon. Claudia Masterman was in the Chair.

On Thursday, November 16, the fourth Douglas Graham lecture was held at which the speaker was John Jennings the Chairman of Shell Transport and Trading Company. He spoke on "The Oil Challenge".

The Caledonian Club
Lord Ramsay, President of The Caledonian Club, presided at the annual St Andrew's Day dinner held last night at 9 Halkin Street, SW1. Mr Chay Blyth was the guest of honour.

Old Nottinghamians Society
120 members and guests attended the London dinner held at Simpsons-in-the-Strand last night. Sir David White presided and the speakers were Mr Michael Stone, ON, Mr Christopher Parker, Headmaster, Mr David Matthews, Deputy Headmaster of St Olaves School and the principal guest Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary.

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ADKINS - On 27th November 1995, to Jane (née Sparrow) and Richard, a son, Thomas James Richard, a brother for Edward and Rachel.

BOLTON - On November 24th, to Mary (Herriott) and David, a son, Thomas William Hargreaves, a brother for Nicholas, Robert, Laura and Miranda.

CAVE - On November 27th at home, to Robin and Mary-Ann (née Austin), a daughter, Louise Emily Joelle, a sister for Joseph.

CLARK - On November 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Tracie and Richard, a beautiful baby girl, a sister for Richard and Elliott.

FILER - On 22nd November, to Wendy (née Bernstein) and Paul, a daughter, Rebecca Claire.

HARRISON - On 20th November in Taunton, to Fay (née Murray) and David, a second beautiful daughter, Henrietta Jane, a sister for Camilla.

HEALD - On 27th November at Ronkswood Hospital, to Cathy (née Gale) and Chris, a daughter, Charlotte Olivia.

HILL - On November 26th, to Penny (née Williams) and Adrian, a daughter, Emily Charlotte Louise, a sister for Alexandra.

HUNTER - To Jane and Gary on 22nd November 1995, a daughter, Rachel Ann.

LIGHTBURN - On 27th November 1995 to Helen (née Montgomerry) and Stephen, a daughter, Holly Jade.

LOCKE CAMPBELL-GRAY - On November 26th 1995, to Rachel and Toby a daughter, Rosanna Margaret.

MERRITT - On November 28th, to Charlotte (née Reid) and Ben, a daughter, Flora Mabel.

NORKETT - On November 29th, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, to Katherine (née Pollitt) and Tim, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth.

RAINSFORD - On 23rd November, to Fiona (née Munro) and Mark, a wonderful son, James Oliver, a brother for Anna.

SHELTON-AGAR - On November 29th in Paris, France, to Angela and Christopher, a son, Francis Maximilian Anthony.

BIRTHS

SKOK - On November 21st, to Wendy (née Bloomfield) and Michael, a daughter, Annabel Francesca.

SUTTON - On November 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Claire and Nick, a son, Dominic, a brother for Sophie and Connie.

DEATHS

ASHTON - Horace Martin aged 83 on 26th November 1995 after a long illness. Much loved brother of Norman, father of Jane and Frances and grandfather of Jonathan, Tristan and Robert. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service on Friday 8th December at 12 noon in St Peter's Church, Wootton, Boars Hill, near Abingdon. Family flowers only but if desired donations in lieu of flowers to "Fight for Sight" c/o Edward Carter, Funeral Director, 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 1QS.

BAKER - Emily Bernadine (Dena) née Wells of Hounslow, widow of Maurice Baker O.B.E. After a brave fight against increasing disability, suddenly in her 89th year at Bracklesham Bay on November 22nd. Dearly loved mother of Andrew, mother-in-law of Moke, grandmother of Helen, Lois and Richard, great-grandmother of Nathaniel and Wesley. Funeral at West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth at 2.30 pm on Monday December 4th. Flowers to Edward White & Son, Chichester tel: 01243 782136 or donations to a charity of your choice.

BURKE - Peter Halliburton, Emeritus Professor of Child Dental Health, University of Sheffield, passed away peacefully on 28th November 1995, (aged 75 years). The Funeral Service is at 12.45 pm on Wednesday 6th December at City Road Crematorium, Sheffield. Family flowers only - Charitable donations in lieu to The Law Partnership, Solicitors, of City Plaza, 2 Pinfold Street, Sheffield S1 2GU for The Dental Trust and Lakeland Mountain Rescue Service.

DEATHS

BUNTING - On November 29th peacefully in a London hospital, John. Sadly missed by all his loving family. Service on Sunday 3rd December, at Charterhouse Chapel, London EC1 at 11am.

CHURCHILL - Peter Gerald on 29th November aged 65 peacefully at home. Beloved father of Victoria and brother of Hal and Martin. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington at 10 am on Wednesday 6th December, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to Macmillan/Marie Curie Nurses.

DIGGLE - Dr. W. Mellalieu, after a wonderful life, died peacefully at home following a brief illness on November 28th. He will be sadly missed by his wife Alice, sons Anthony and John and all his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Eccleston Parish Church on Tuesday 5th December at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o George Pettit & Son Funeral Directors, Delamere Street, Chester, CH1 4DS.

DOYLE - Tony. The funeral will be Tuesday December 19th at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Enfield, 2 pm and not December 18th as previously announced.

EWART - Sir William Ivan Cecil, Bt. November 29th 1995. Peacefully at home Hill House, Hillsborough, Co. Down. Beloved husband of the late Pauline. Much loved father of Susan, Patricia and Michael, father-in-law of Colin and Jeremy and devoted grandfather of Anita, Gordon, Katie and Jenny, and a dear friend to so many. Funeral private. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory if desired to: Sight Savers The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind c/o Bobby Morrison, 38 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, BT28 1AQ. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

DEATHS

FINDON - Elizabeth Frances, aged 49 years, passed away on 29th November. Beloved wife of Jonathon, sister of Barbara and daughter-in-law of Jackie. Funeral Service to be held at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 5th December at 11 am. No flowers by request please, but if desired, donations may be sent to The Macmillan Nurses.

FRASER STEELE - George Daniel, died peacefully at home in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, on Sunday 26th November after a short illness. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private funeral.

GEOGHEGAN - Gwenllian died peacefully at home Hunters Lodge, Mollington, on 26th November after an illness cheerfully borne. She was the dearly loved wife of Gerald, sister of Mabli, mother of Bridget and grandmother of Enfys. Funeral and interment at 2.30 pm on Monday 4th December at Holy Trinity Church, Capenhurst. Enquiries to George Pettit & Son, Chester (01244) 350578.

GRAY - Kate (née Willis) born Chiswick 1901, died peacefully in Honiton, Devon, on 28th November 1995. Loving wife of Robert, mother of Anthony Robert deceased, Robin, Martin, Hazel and Donovan deceased. She will be remembered by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with affection and pride. Funeral Service Buckerel Church, Honiton, Devon, Friday 8th December 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Exeter. Enquiries to Layzell Funeral Services, Awliscombe, Honiton, Devon, tel: (01404) 44646.

HADDEN - Carmen Clare (former wife of Alan), quite suddenly early on Thursday 30th November in hospital. Much loved by Abel, Belinda, Dawny, Leo, Chloe, Madeleine and Camilla. No flowers, but donations please to The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 25 Gosfield Street, London W1P 7HB.

DEATHS

HALL - Ernest. Died peacefully on 29th November 1995 at the General Hospital, Jersey, after a short illness aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Margaret and father of Richard and Alister. Will be sadly missed by all his family. There will be a private funeral service. A memorial service will take place in Jersey at a later date. Enquiries to: Pitcher & Le Quesne, Funeral Directors, tel: 01534 33330.

HALSTEAD-MORTON - Suddenly but peacefully on 27th November, Michael John (aged 44) beloved husband of Elizabeth (Bizzie), father of Hannah and Emily, son of Margaret and mentor to so many young people through his work at Cavendish Educational Consultants. Family cremation but all are welcome at the thanksgiving service at St Saviours Church, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, on Saturday 16th December at 2.15 pm. No flowers but donations for The British Heart Foundation can be sent to Barrow Bros (Funeral Directors), 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, BH24 1NG.

HEWAT - Peacefully, at the Borders General Hospital, Melrose, on November 30th, 1995, Sally Margaret, aged 59, formerly Manager, British Airways, Northern Ireland, beloved daughter of the late John and Elma Hewat and much loved sister of Neish (Ian) and Sandy. Service in Melrose Parish Church on Tuesday, December 5th, at 1 pm, followed by interment at Wairds Cemetery, Melrose, at 1.30 pm to which all friends are invited.

HOARE-SCOTT - Margaret Dorothy. Peacefully on 29th November, 1995, after a short illness, widow of Jim, a Battle of Britain pilot, who gave his life in 1940, beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Titchmarsh, Northamptonshire on Wednesday, 13th December, 1995 at 12 noon. No flowers please, but any donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, c/o Mr D.W. Gunn, Crowsons, Funeral Directors, Barnwell, Nr. Oundle, Peterborough PE8 5PB.

DEATHS

HOLLAMBY - Alan Sydney, beloved husband of Audrey and wonderful father to Helen, Jeffrey, Michael and Alison, at The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher on November 24th 1995. We all miss you, your levelheadedness, sense of humour and love, was always a rock to us; but now your pain has gone and a new star shines in the sky this night and every night. You will never be far from our thoughts and will remain forever a part of this family. No flowers please. Just donations, to The Princess Alice Hospice, West End, Esher to help them carry on their wonderful work.

KELLY - On 29th November 1995, peacefully in Southmead Hospital, Bristol, Adrian Morgan aged 80, much loved husband of Monica and a loving father of John, Sheila, Jane and Hugh. Funeral at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol, on Tuesday 5th December at noon. Family flowers only. Donations in memory to Southmead Health Services (Haematology Equipment Fund), Southmead Road, Bristol.

LLOYD - On November 29th, suddenly in Horton General Hospital Banbury, David Alan, beloved husband of the late Norah Fay, much loved father of Jonathan and Vivien, and loving grandfather of Julia. Funeral at St Michael's Church Warmington on December 6th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Banbury and District CPL, c/o Mrs Lloyd, 31 Whitall Street, Kings Sutton, Banbury, OX17 3RD, or (for cat-haters only) The Royal Lifeboat Institution.

MILEHAM - Harry, greatly loved son of Robert and Juliet Mileham, brother of Iona, Edwina and John, at home after a long and valiant fight against illness. Funeral for family and friends, 2.30pm Saturday 2nd December at St John's Church, Woodsford, Dorset. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, Swindon Branch, c/o PMH, Old Town, Swindon, Wiltshire.

DEATHS

MARTIN - Alfred Leonard, died suddenly on November 26th 1995. Beloved husband of Anah, dear father of David and Denise, grandfather of Paul, Gary, Michelle and Daniel. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Monday 4th December at 4pm. Family flowers only.

ROGERS - Peacefully on November 29th following a sudden illness, John M. Rogers of Riverhill, aged 51. Adored and loving husband of Jane, devoted father of Edward and Daniel, beloved eldest son of Eve and brother of Peter and Charles. So dearly loved by all his family and friends. Funeral Private. Memorial Service later.

SHAW - Richard John Gildroy beloved husband of Yvonne and much loved father of Rupert on 23rd November at The University College Hospital. Private burial on Friday 1st December followed by funeral service at 3.15pm at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London SW1 for all friends and business associates and afterwards at Lowndes Lambert Group House, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London, EC3N 2NP. No flowers please, but charitable donations at church. A memorial service will be held in the City of London - date and venue to be announced shortly

SURTEES - Vere Nathaniel Faber on November 28th peacefully aged 98 at Manor House, Edgton, Shropshire, loved father of Richard. Funeral at Hopesay Parish Church at 12 noon Tuesday December 5th. All enquiries to Funeral Director W.J. Morris, (01588) 638823 or (01588) 638479.

THOMPSON - On November 27th, peacefully in London aged 90, Vernon Cecil Thompson FRCS, former Consultant to The London Hospital and The London Chest Hospital, husband of the late Jean, beloved father of Nicholas and Lynn and stepfather of Anthony and Annette. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium, London SW14, on Friday 8th December at 3 o'clock. Enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Services, 162 King Street, W6 (0181-748 2982).

DEATHS

WATKIN - Margaret Auriol Watkin OBE, JP. Suddenly on November 28th at The London Clinic. Vice-President of The Magistrates Association of England and Wales and Vice-President of The Central Probation Council. Retired Senior Lecturer Department of Education University of Wales Aberystwyth. Dear wife of Iestyn and devoted sister of Wilma. Private funeral, but donations, in lieu of flowers if desired, to Intensive Care Unit, Bronglais General Hospital, Aberystwyth c/o W.H. Daniell, Funeral Directors, Mill Street, Aberystwyth. Tel: (01970) 612339. Memorial Service to be arranged in January at Carmarthen.

WOLFF - Dr. Simon Paul, on 25th November 1995 suddenly at home, aged 38 years. Beloved husband of Lindis Hallan, devoted father to Anja and Paul-Mattias, loving son of Paul and Ursula and affectionate brother to Angela, Isabel and Matthew. Funeral Service for family and close friends at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Highgate, on Thursday 7th December at 12 noon, followed by burial at Highgate Cemetery. Flowers to William Nodes Funeral Directors, 2 Broadway Parade, Crouch End, London N8. Tel: (0181) 340 2487. Memorial Service to be announced at a later date.

YOUNG - Geoffrey George. On 29th November, peacefully in hospital, dearly loved husband of Ruth and father of Nigel, Barry and Nicholas. Funeral at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hayes, on 6th December at 10.30 am, followed by cremation at Beckenham. Flowers or donations for British Heart Foundation or Salvation Army c/o H. Copeland & Son, 9 Bromley Road, Beckenham, BR3 2NT.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

STRAUSS - In ever-loving memory of Captain Cyril Anthony Strauss, 60th Rifles, holder of Polish Cross of Valour (Tobruk). Buried Military Cemetery, Assisi, Italy. December 1st 1944.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

FLOOD - Valerie (Robin) December 1st 1994. Dearly loved wife of Jim and devoted mother of Katy and Jenny. So sadly missed but we have so many treasured memories.

RABBITT - Mamie. Died 2nd December 1994. Still loved, still missed, still not over you: Mark, Ellen, Teresa, Brian and all the Kids.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

PERRIN - Brian. A Service of Thanksgiving for Brian's life will be held at St Leonard's Parish Church, Seaford, 12th December 1995, at 12 noon. Family and friends welcome, afterwards at The Pelham Cottage, Dane Road, (opposite Safeways) Seaford.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES WARRELL

Charles Warrell, creator of the I-Spy books, died in a Derbyshire nursing home on November 26 aged 106. He was born on April 23, 1889.

FROM his Fleet Street tepee, Wigwam-on-the-Water, London EC4, Big Chief I-Spy, as Charles Warrell was universally known, launched a series of little books that helped to improve the general knowledge of thousands of children in the 1950s and 1960s. The aim of the I-Spy series was to heighten young people's awareness of the world around them by encouraging them to record their sightings of birds, animals, cars, castles, stately homes, trees, signposts — any one of a myriad of categories for which the books catered.

A tick for each item seen earned a certain number of points. A specific total of points entitled the "brave" who had scored it to apply to Wigwam-on-the-Water for a coloured feather to stick in a headband. The assiduous I-Spyer could thus acquire a veritable war bonnet of such gaudy trophies.

It would, of course, have been easy to cheat, claiming sightings that one had not actually made. But nobody ever did. The whole exercise brought out the old fashioned "best" in everyone. For a brave to cheat, having initially invested a precious shilling to gain that status, would have been unthinkable. Even the "swapping" of sightings, though tempting, was severely frowned upon, and many a long bicycle ride was undertaken in weather fair or foul, to verify claims that a friend or rival brave might have made, in order to score the points on one's own account.

Charles Watson Warrell was born and brought up in Farmborough, Somerset (now part of the county of Avon), and went to school there before going for teacher training at Culham College, Oxford, from where he became a schoolmaster. For twenty years he was headmaster of a primary school in Nottinghamshire, and he continued to teach until he was in his fifties, by which time his writing had begun to take over and he decided to make a second career of it. He wrote for a



number of educational journals and after the war he contributed to a series called *I'll Teach You*, aimed at ex-servicemen who had not been able to acquire or complete an education.

He developed his I-Spy formula to teach children to be observant and to learn as much as they could about the things they saw around them. The idea was not, at first, taken up by publishers: the first eight firms Warrell approached with it turned him down. But once the little paperback books started appearing on the counters of Woolworths, the idea caught on and became immensely popular, peaking in the 1950s when there were half a million members of the I-Spy tribe.

The books were not just a matter of look-and-tick. Each had an introduction discussing the general scope of its contents and the items to be observed were well drawn and described. They were very much part of an educationally conscious postwar ethos which also spawned that other celebrated force for the enlightenment of the young, the boys' paper *Eagle*, founded and edited by the Rev Marcus Morris.

Warrell also wrote an I-Spy column for the *Daily Mail* and later for the *News Chronicle*, communicating with his braves weekly through a special code. He also held pow-wows for his young members all over the country. These were frequently attended by thousands of children. In all these activities Big Chief I-Spy was helped by his second wife Marian, otherwise known as Running Deer. On one occasion they hired a fleet of double-decker buses and took 8,000 children to see the sights of London.

Warrell retired towards the end of the 1950s by which time 18 million copies of the books had been sold. But the series remained in print until the mid-1980s. Then, in 1991, the books had a second lease of life when Michelin took up the idea and remarketed it. By this time photographs had replaced the line drawings and in the *I-Spy Cars* young readers were being asked to look out for the Ferrari 348 and the Renault Espace rather than the Austin 7 and the Vauxhall 14, while other volumes in the series which dealt with technical subjects had also undergone an updating.

True, the I-Spy ethos had, by then, lost some of its pristine flavour. Braves were no longer required to send their books to Wigwam-on-the-Water to have their claims ratified. This could be done by their parents. The headband and feathers, too, went by the board. Once parental assent had been given, a badge could be applied for.

In retirement Warrell lived for many years in Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and on his 100th birthday, in addition to the customary congratulations from the Queen, he also received greetings from the Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker, and the Social Services Secretary, John Moore.

In 1991 *The Daily Telegraph* prematurely reported his death (but then made handsome restitution for the error in the shape of a case of champagne). In fact Warrell was to live on for four more years, his faculties undimmed. Only failing sight prevented him from being the energetic I-Spying force he had been in his younger days.

Charles Warrell had a son and two daughters by his first wife Elizabeth, who predeceased him. His second wife, Marian, died last year and he is survived by a son and one of his daughters.

J. B. POYNTON

J. B. Poynton, Classics Master at Winchester College, 1928-65, died on November 9 aged 95. He was born on July 11, 1900.



ONE of the the finest schoolmasters of his time, John Blackburne Poynton came of good academic stock. He was the elder son of A. B. Poynton, Master of University College, Oxford, and his mother was the daughter of J. Y. Sargent, Fellow of Hertford College. He himself seemed initially to be perfectly cut out for the career of an eminent Oxford Greats don.

At Winchester College, where he was a scholar from 1913 to 1919, Poynton (as he was usually stiffly called) won almost every possible prize: Latin Essay, English Essay, Latin Verse, English Verse, Greek Verse, Greek Prose, English Literature and Divinity: only the Latin Prose prize seemed somehow to elude him. Not surprisingly, the nickname bestowed upon him by his contemporaries was "Ablers".

Going up to New College, with a Winchester Exhibition, a Pitt Club Exhibition and a Scholarship, he carried off the Craven, Hertford and Ireland Scholarships, and the Gaisford and Chancellor's Prizes for Greek Verse, Latin Verse and Latin Essay. Almost inevitably, these achievements were accompanied by a double first in Mods and Greats. The only man almost to have equalled this record was one of his own pupils, Sir Jeremy Morse, now Warden of Winchester College.

Poynton taught briefly at the Dragon School, Oxford, which he himself had attended as a prep schoolboy. He then took up a fellowship at Corpus Christi College but stayed for only four years: involvement in a contested and acrimonious election for the presidency of the college persuaded him that the world in which dons delight to bark and bite was not for him.

In 1928, with some relief, he left Corpus to return to Winchester, where he was to stay for the rest of his life. He was a wonderful teacher. He was strict in his demands for accuracy — every word must play its part, and every nuance and overtone must carry exactly the meaning intended. He taught his pupils to think logically, and liked them to make up their own minds. "Stick to what you know," he would say, "and what you make up must not be nonsense."

Strict he may have been — there was no sterner critic of the shoddy and the nearly right — but he also had a warm humanity. He taught not only the high-flyers of Sixth Book but also a modest junior form. Junior boys, as well as college men, were invited to tea in his rooms, for hot toast and board games; in the holidays they went on walking tours on Dartmoor with him, and while the college men helped him to solve *The Times* crossword (always completed before lunch), and played chess with him in the evenings, the less intellectual challenged him to a hard game of Ludo.

He was never anything approaching an academic snob. Teaching at the Dragon School, he would often recall, was one of the happiest times of his life and even in his early days at Corpus it was a cause of particular pride to him that "once a week I would help the assembled passmen to get Hannibal over the Alps".

He enjoyed schoolboy humour. He once caught a boy in his class surreptitiously playing Dab Cricket: the state of play, he was disappointed to find, was Poynton bowled Ovid for nought. Toye Pot (Cup) and Melhuish Pot were school prizes for cricket; when the War Office announced that, if the war was to be won, British boys must be trained to perform humble household tasks, Poynton commented in *The Wykehamist*:

> O lovers of cricket beware
> Or else in the future it may be
> That Toye Pot is given for
> boiling an egg
> And Melhuish for changing
> a baby.

Poynton is remembered with affection by countless pupils as a typical bachelor Wiccamical don: shy but kindly, complete with layers of different-coloured cardigans, smelly pipe, grubby mackintosh and ancient, unreliable car. But, above all, as many of them came to recognise, he gave to successive generations of Wykehamists a deep and lasting love of the Classics, together with a natural instinct for exactness and excellence in whatever tasks they attempted. Many orthodox family men have lesser memorials.

He is survived by his brother.

F. G. EMMISON

Frederick George Emmison, MBE, Essex County Archivist, died on November 9 aged 88. He was born on May 28, 1907.



DERICK EMMISON, as he was known to his friends, was an authentic Elizabethan character in his mercurial style and the versatile quality of his mind. It was fitting, therefore, that the focus of his academic and cultural talents should have centred on the Tudor period. It was to it, especially in the context of Essex history, that he directed his intellectual drive and from which derived his personal satisfactions.

Born in Bedford, he was educated at Bedford Modern School and gained first-class honours in the Cambridge and Oxford Seniors Local Examinations in 1922. Family circumstances prevented him from going to Cambridge. Instead he took up a post in Bedfordshire, where he became that county's first Clerk of Records in 1925. His appointment as County Archivist of Essex at Chelmsford in 1938 proved to be the threshold of a career of distinction and innovative energy. It is no exaggeration to say that he was one of the pioneers of the modern concept of county record offices.

From his youth Derick Emmison had become familiar with the beautiful landscapes and delightful villages of northwest Essex. From this early experience, subsequently nourished by his role working in Chelmsford, developed his deep devotion to the county. The most conspicuous hallmarks of his career can be seen in the crucial part he played as creator of the Essex Record Office, recognised then as now as a model of excellence, and in the outstanding scholarship of his prolific bibliography.

In the whole field of archival administration his name was, for more than fifty years, a byword for progress, professional standards and creative activity. In the background, more modest in the public profile of his life, was the encouragement and support he gave to numerous local historians and historical societies throughout Essex. Among such people his name will remain as cherished as it is respected among the professionals in his field who have profited from the value and quality of his work.

Enjoying the personal affection of a wide range of admirers among his colleagues and readers, he was generally regarded as an engaging figure. He was not, however, always easy to work with. People of his kind seldom are. The exclusiveness of his dynamic and single-minded application to his chosen topics did not always rest comfortably with wider considerations or, indeed, with the susceptibilities of others.

The scale of his research and authorship was vast. It ranged from numerous contributions in the professional journals to works of historical significance. At one end of this impressive spectrum are studies such as *The Relief of the Poor at Eaton Socon 1706-1834*. At the other, works of importance to the understanding of the Elizabethan period such as the five volumes of *Elizabethan Life* which, drawn mainly from Essex sources, interprets the daily life of the period in all its social dimensions.

In the same company belongs the monumental series of *Elizabethan Essex Wills*, replete with the raw material of social and economic history, and a treasure house for genealogists, published to volume ten before his death. The last two volumes of the series remain to be completed and published by the Essex Record Office and the Friends of Historic Essex. Practitioners will remember with pleasure *Tudor Secretary, Sir William Petre at Court and Home* and his works on the use of archives. All were written with style and the sensitivity of a scholar who had understood the idioms of Tudor life.

The recollection of those who heard Derick Emmison playing the virginals at the beautiful, roseate Tudor mansion, Ingatestone Hall in mid-Essex, is a reminder that he was also a gifted musician.

In 1987 the Essex Archaeological and Historical Congress published a book of essays, *Essex Tribute*, in his honour to recognise his massive contribution to Essex history and archives. He was appointed MBE in 1966, given an honorary doctorate by Essex University in 1970 and was the recipient of the Medlicott Medal of the Historical Association in 1987.

He married his Scottish wife Margaret, also a distinguished archivist, in 1935. She died last year. He is survived by their daughter and son.

ISRAEL COHEN

Israel Cohen, US supermarket pioneer, died in Washington on November 22 aged 83. He was born in 1912.

UNTIL the advent of Israel Cohen, and of his father Nehemiah, most Americans did their grocery shopping in small shops specialising in individual products. So, for that matter, did the inhabitants of most countries in the Western world.

The Cohens changed all that. In 1936, with the Depression taking a firm grip on America and customers strapped for ready cash, they conceived the idea of a large store carrying a wide variety of goods at reduced prices.

The first Giant Food store was opened in Washington in the middle of a blinding snowstorm and proved an instant success. With his father running the business together with a partner, Samuel Lehrman, Israel, then 24 years old, drove the company truck — along with his brother — to keep the shelves well-stocked. Within weeks the new way of convenience shopping was attracting customers in droves. The concept of the modern supermarket had been born.

Cohen, who was known to friends and employees alike as "Izzy," did not become president of Giant Foods until 1977, although he played a major role in the management of the company after the retirement of his father in 1964 and oversaw its rapid expansion.

He saw that mere grocery stores would no longer be sufficient to satisfy his customers, and during his tenure the shops became ever larger and more diversified. They began to have drug departments, gardening sections, and a host of other elements — a trend which was to become widely imitated.

The elder Cohen had envisaged Giant Foods as a regional, rather than a national, chain and it remained so under his son. Nevertheless, it grew under his control from 90 stores to a total of 164, spreading from New Jersey to Virginia. Annual revenues are now nearly $4 billion, and by some estimates almost half the inhabitants of the District of Columbia and its surrounding area do their shopping at Giant Food.

Such success inevitably attracted outside interest, and earlier this year the British firm of Sainsburys bought 17 per cent of Giant Food's non-voting class A shares, as well as all 125,000 class AL shares, giving Sainsbury the right to appoint three of the company's seven directors. Cohen, however, remained the controlling shareholder, and on news of his death the market value of Giant Food stock rose sharply on rumours that Sainsbury might ultimately buy the company outright.

Izzy Cohen, who took a medical leave of absence only four months ago, is survived by one son and one daughter.

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MISS FLORA SANDES
COMBATANT IN SERBIAN ARMY

Miss Flora Sandes, who died recently at the age of 80, served for seven years from 1915 in the Serbian Army as a fighting soldier and was decorated for her bravery in the field.

She was the youngest daughter of the Rev. Samuel Dickson Sandes, Rector of Whitechurch, Co. Cork, who later moved to England, where she was born. She was adventurous by nature and learnt to ride and shoot and, in the days when motoring was an adventure and not just a means of transport, acquired an old French racing car. In such ways she relieved the monotony during the period when she had to earn her living as a secretary in a London office.

At the beginning of the 1914-18 War, having been a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for some years, she had a chance to go out to Serbia with a small nursing unit. She later joined the Serbian Red Cross, and when the Bulgarians invaded Serbia she obtained permission to join the ambulance of the 2nd Infantry Regiment as a dresser. The Serbian Army was slowly being driven back by overwhelming odds with their only line of retreat through the Albanian Mountains, and conditions were such that Miss Sandes drifted by successive stages from a nurse into a soldier. The soldiers with the ambulance took it for granted that anyone who could ride and shoot would be a soldier under such conditions, and it was not unusual for Serbian peasant girls to fight with the army.

ON THIS DAY

December 1, 1956

In the First World War, Flora Sandes, a rector's daughter, joined the Serbian Red Cross; in due course she became a soldier and served in arduous mountain campaigns. She was later severely wounded, given a commission and in 1927 married a former colonel in the White Russian Army.

When, therefore, they reached country impassable to ambulances she took the Red Cross badge off her arm and said she would join the 2nd Regiment as a private. The procedure was simple; the colonel took the little brass regimental figures off his own epaulettes and fastened them on the shoulder straps of his new recruit, and official sanction came a little later. She was regarded as a considerable asset, for the simple peasant soldiers looked on her as a representative of England and a pledge that in the end England would help them. But their personal affection for her soon increased almost to idolatry, for under the stress of war she showed all the qualities they most admired—outstanding courage, cheerfulness, and sympathy. Her service with the Serbian Army lasted seven years and she experienced the hardest conditions of mountain warfare, with terrible losses, through defeat and victory until the general demobilization in the autumn of 1922. The 2nd Regiment was known as the "Iron Regiment" and spent most of its time in the front line where she fought in every battle until she was severely wounded by a Bulgarian hand grenade in November, 1916. Sergeant Sandes, as she then was, was taken to a British military field hospital for Serbians, where she remained for about two months, and where she was decorated by the aide-de-camp of the Prince Regent with the Order of the Kara-George—a rare decoration given for conspicuous bravery in the field.

She was given sick leave in England, and in May, 1917, she returned to her regiment and took part in all further operations. She was given a commission in June, 1919, and promoted to lieutenant on demobilization in 1922, and in 1926 she received the rank of captain.

In 1927 she married Yurie Yudenitch, who had been a colonel in the White Russian Army and had escaped from Russia during the revolution. He joined the Serbian army and had been in her regiment. They lived in France and later in Belgrade where during the last war they were both interned by the Germans. They were later released on parole. They had little to live on, but she had her army pension and taught English. Her husband died in 1941, and at the end of the German occupation she settled in England in a cottage in Suffolk where she lived until her death.

NEWS

Clinton hails making of a miracle

■ President Clinton was given a hero's welcome as he travelled triumphantly round Northern Ireland preaching reconciliation and injecting new momentum into the peace process.

During a visit unthinkable two years ago, Mr Clinton was mobbed in the Protestant stronghold of Belfast's Shankill Road and the Catholic Falls Road. He plunged into huge and wildly enthusiastic crowds in a Londonderry draped in stars and stripes. He embraced leaders of every persuasion, from Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams to militant Unionists .....Pages I, 2, 3

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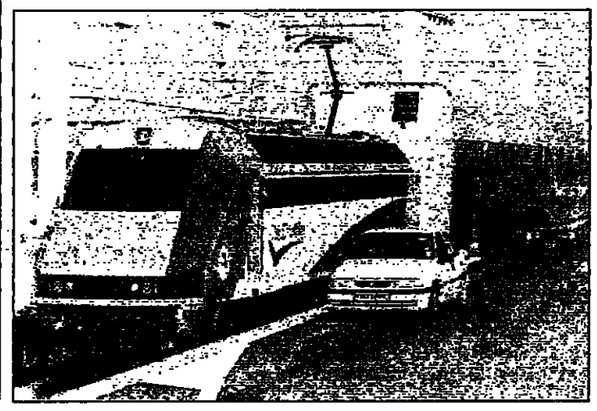
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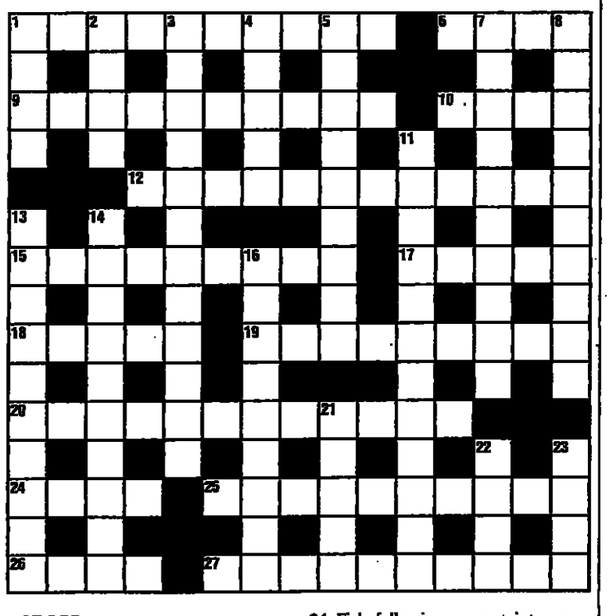
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9 What has a hand (or two) attached to look at? (10).
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15 Daily at four, air disturbed by hubbub (9).
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18 Two chaps like the King (5).
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20 It's about time the author passed through (12).
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Solution to Puzzle No 20,026

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, and St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Little Rissington, Gloucestershire, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Belfast, 0.03in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 4.9hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy with some rain in the west. The rain will be confined to western fringes for much of the day, but towards evening some more persistent wet weather will spread into central parts. Eastern counties will have some bright spells with a little rain by midnight. Prolonged rain will reach Northern Ireland during the afternoon and this will spread eastwards across Scotland after dark.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England:** mainly cloudy, some bright spells. Light rain by midnight. Wind gentle southeasterly. Chilly in the breeze. Max temp 9C (48F).

☐ **Central S England, Midlands, Central N:** cloudy, some light rain, especially after dark. Wind gentle southeasterly. Becoming milder later. Max Temp 10C (50F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, SW Scotland, Argyll:** dull with rain at times. Wind strong southeasterly becoming gentle southerly. Cold in the wind. Max Temp 11C (52F).

☐ **N Wales, NW & NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** bright spells and the chance of rain. Wind fresh to strong southeast. Becoming milder later. Max Temp 10C (50F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mainly cloudy with isolated drizzle. Wind fresh to strong southeast. Feeling milder. Max Temp 10C (50F).

☐ **Northern Ireland:** morning mainly dry and bright, but rain afternoon and evening. Dry by midnight. Wind strong southerly becoming light southwest. Feeling milder. Max Temp 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** unsettled with rain at times; brighter and showery on Sunday.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

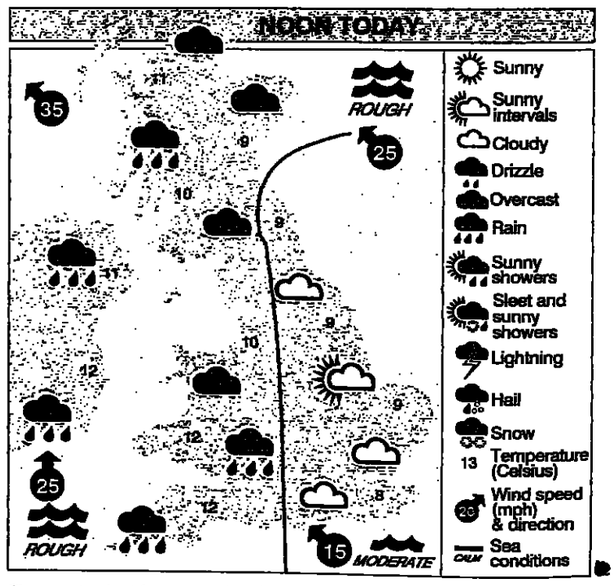
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Aspatria	1.0	-	9	48	b	Liverpool	-	-	8	46	c
Aviemore	-	-	8	46	c	London	-	-	8	46	c
Belfast	-	0.03	9	48	c	Lowestoft	-	-	8	46	du
Birmingham	-	-	7	45	du	Manchester	1.0	-	8	46	c
Bognor R	-	-	10	50	c	Margate	-	-	7	45	du
Bournem'th	-	-	10	50	du	Minehead	-	-	9	48	du
Bristol	-	-	8	46	du	Morecambe	0.9	-	8	46	b
Buxton	-	-	5	41	du	Newcastle	-	-	9	48	c
Cardiff	-	-	9	48	du	Newquay	-	-	11	52	c
Clacton	-	-	7	45	c	Norwich	-	-	7	45	du
Cleethorpes	X					Nottingham	X				
Colwyn Bay	-	-	8	46	c	Oxford	-	-	6	43	du
Cromer	-	-	8	46	du	Penzance	1.4	0.02	13	55	r
Dunbar	X					Plymouth	X				
Eastbourne	-	-	9	48	du	Poole	-	-	10	50	c
Edinburgh	-	-	9	48	du	Prestatyn	X	-	8	46	du
Eskdalemuir	0.3	-	7	45	c	Ross-o-wye	-	-	6	43	du
Exmouth	-	-	11	52	g	Salcombe	X				
Falmouth	0.5	-	12	54	c	Sandown	-	-	11	52	c
Fishguard	1.9	-	8	46	c	Saunton Snd	-	-	11	52	du
Folkestone	-	-	7	45	c	Scarboro'	-	-	8	46	du
Glasgow	-	0.02	9	48	c	Shanklin	-	-	10	50	c
Guernsey	2.9	-	12	54	c	Shrewsbury	-	-	7	45	c
Hastings	-	-	9	48	c	Skegness	X				
Hayling I.	-	-	10	50	c	Southport	-	-	8	46	c
Herne Bay	-	-	6	43	du	Southsea	-	-	10	50	c
Hove	X					St. Ives	X				
Hunstanton	-	-	8	46	c	Stornoway	-	-	11	52	c
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	-	-	11	52	c
Isle of Man	-	-	9	48	du	Teignmouth	-	-	11	52	c
Jersey	4.9	-	11	52	b	Tiree	1.5	-	10	50	c
Kinloss	-	-	9	48	c	Torquay	-	-	11	52	c
Leeds	-	-	7	45	c	Tynemouth	-	0.01	9	48	c
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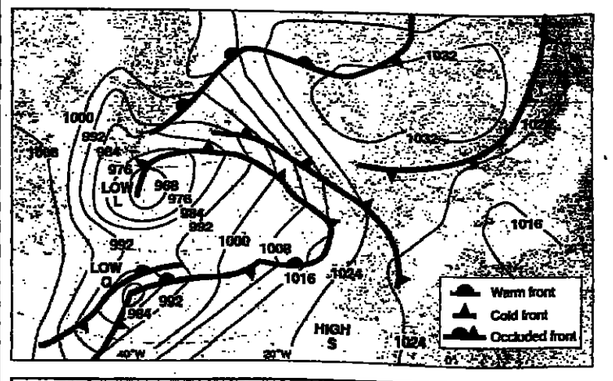
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Alicante	18	64	s	Corfu	16	61	s	Madrid	9	48	r	Riyadh	19	66	f
Alex'dria	21	70	s	C'phagn	4	39	f	Majorca	19	66	s	Rome	14	57	s
Algiers	20	68	s	Dublin	9	48	f	Malaga	18	64	f	S Fr'isco	-	-	-
Amst'dm	5	41	c	Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Malta	18	64	r	S Paulo	25	77	f
Athens	17	63	f	Faro	17	63	s	Melb'rne	20	68	c	Salzburg	2	36	c
B Aires	31	88	s	Florence	12	54	s	Mexico C	-	-	-	Santiago	21	70	s
Bahrain	21	70	c	Frankfurt	3	37	c	Miami	28	79	c	Seoul	8	46	s
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Milan	7	45	c	St'kholm	-4	25	s
Barbados	25	77	c	Geneva	6	43	c	Montreal	-10	14	-	Strasb'rg	3	37	c
Barcelona	17	63	s	Gibraltar	17	63	f	Moscow	-9	16	f	Sydney	22	72	c
Beirut	19	66	s	Helsinki	-1	30	c	Munich	3	37	c	Tangier	15	59	c
Belfast	9	48	f	Hong K	23	73	s	N Delhi	20	68	s	Tenerife	23	73	f
Belgrade	7	45	f	Innsbrck	5	41	s	N York	2	36	c	Tokyo	13	55	s
Berlin	-1	30	c	Istanbul	9	48	c	Nairobi	22	72	f	Toronto	-4	25	sn
Bermuda	22	72	f	Jeddah	30	86	f	Naples	15	59	s	Tunis	15	59	r
Biarritz	18	64	s	Jo'burg	23	73	f	Nice	15	59	s	Valencia	18	64	f
Borde'x	14	57	s	Karachi	-	-	-	Oslo	-1	30	c	Van'ver	13	55	c
Brussels	6	43	s	L Angels	25	77	s	Paris	8	46	s	Venice	8	46	c
Budapst	4	39	r	L Palmas	22	72	f	Peking	9	48	s	Vienna	2	36	c
Cairo	22	72	s	Le Touet	6	43	f	Perth	22	72	c	Warsaw	-3	27	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Lisbon	16	61	f	Prague	0	32	c	Wash'ton	2	36	c
Ch'church	27	81	c	Locarno	7	45	s	Reykjavik	6	43	c	Wel'ngton	17	63	c
Chicago	-1	30	s	Luxembg	1	34	c	Rhodes	18	64	s	Zürich	4	39	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart from noon: low Q will move northwest and deepen; low L will remain southeast of Greenland and fill; high S will remain stationary and build



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8:22	6.32	9:11	6.55	Leith	9:51	4.80	10:15	4.88
Aberdeen	8:57	3.69	9:07	3.78	Liverpool	6:16	7.87	6:42	8.20
Avonmouth	1:46	10.71	2:25	11.10	Lowestoft	4:09	2.28	5:27	2.25
Belfast	6:27	2.95	6:42	3.16	Margate	6:46	4.20	7:46	4.24
Cardiff	1:35	9.89	2:13	10.18	Milford Haven	1:06	5.85	1:37	5.93
Devonport	0:34	4.57	1:00	4.73	Newquay	0:00	5.50	0:31	5.72
Dover	5:58	5.84	6:57	5.63	Oban	1:06	2.92	1:49	3.35
Dublin	7.10	3.68	7:17	3.90	Penzance	--	--	0:06	4.68
Falmouth	0:07	4.18	0:32	4.54	Portland	1:20	1.54	1:34	1.60
Glasgow	7:14	4.13	7:49	4.14	Portsmouth	6.26	4.24	6:57	4.01
Harwich	8:23	3.56	7:12	3.62	Shoreham	6:21	5.33	7:00	5.14
Holyhead	5:43	4.85	5:57	4.96	Southampton	5.59	4.08	6:30	3.91
Hull	0:45	6.48	1:59	6.24	Swansea	1:00	7.67	1:41	7.87
Ilfracombe	0:35	7.72	1:15	7.88	Tees	11:05	4.59	11:19	4.70
King's Lynn	0:51	5.69	1:43	5.39	W'ton-on-Nze	8:24	3.68	7:18	3.77

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.43 am
Sun sets: 3.56 pm
Moon sets 1.31 am
Moon rises 1.22 pm

London 3.56 pm to 7.45 am
Bristol 4.05 pm to 7.54 am
Edinburgh 3.45 pm to 8.20 am
Manchester 3.54 pm to 8.03 am
Penzance 4.23 pm to 8.00 am

Full moon December 7

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 1995

Stock Exchange to adopt competitive trading

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

THE Stock Exchange is to press ahead with plans to introduce an electronic "order matching" system of share trading despite bitter opposition from City market-making firms who fear the traditional "quote-driven" style of share dealing will come under threat.

Michael Lawrence, the Stock Exchange's chief executive, confirmed the decision yesterday after a board meeting that ended at lunchtime. Mr Lawrence described the development as a "very important step for the Stock Exchange and for London as a financial centre". He refused to be drawn on events at the board meeting, other than to describe the debate as "constructive".

The decision to introduce competitive styles of trading into the Stock Exchange represents a defeat for the major market-making firms, several of which have waged a powerful campaign against such a move in order to protect their franchise. Barclays Bank's offshoot BZW and Smith New Court, recently acquired by Merrill Lynch, the US broking house, have spearheaded the opposition. Donald Brydon, deputy chief executive of BZW, and Michael Marks, deputy chairman of Merrill Lynch International, are both non-executive directors of the Stock Exchange. Inquiries indicate that John Kemp-Welch, chairman of the Exchange and former senior partner of Cazenove, supported the change.

A brief statement issued by the Exchange said that it recognised the "strength and success of its quote-driven markets which have provided liquidity to companies and investors alike for many years". The Exchange added, however, that "rapid changes in technology, communications and competition mean that additional trading services are desirable".

The directors agreed that the Exchange should "broaden its trading services" to increase their efficiency and attractiveness and reflect both "current activities and future needs of market users".

Mr Lawrence said that it was too early to disclose how many stocks would be covered by the new alternative to the quote-driven system under which market-makers, whose capital is at risk, display the best price at which they will buy or sell a share on the Exchange's electronic Seaq board.

The Exchange hopes to introduce the order-driven system, used on Wall Street and on the continental bourses, next August. Stock Exchange documentation recently focused on the possibility of investors being able to trade in the top 350 companies via the new system. Mr Lawrence promised that order-driven trading would be introduced in 1996 — a decade after Big Bang — but argued that it was premature to discuss which companies, or sectors, would be covered. He emphasised that the Stock Exchange would do nothing to "damage" liquidity.

Mr Lawrence claimed that the new Sequence VI technology was "three years ahead of any other system". Cost is put at £67 million. The Exchange's move comes hard on the heels of the creation of Tradepoint, the rival enterprise based on an "order driven" system.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3664.3	(+8.8)
Yield	3.91%	
FT-SE A All share	1788.6	(+3.99)
Nikkei	18744.42	(+210.44)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5099.54	(–11.92)*
S&P Composite	606.81	(–0.83)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 15/16%	(5 11/16%)
Long Bond	110 1/32*	(109 16)
Yield	6.14%*	(6.20%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 1/8%	(6 1/8%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	110[illegible]	(109 28/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5305*	(1.5350)
London:		
$	1.5305	(1.5359)
DM	2.2139	(2.2064)
FFr	7.6370	(7.5770)
SFr	1.7985	(1.7870)
Yen	155.76	(155.87)
£ Index	82.5	(82.4)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4470*	(1.4370)
FFr	4.9907*	(4.9461)
SFr	1.1755*	(1.1653)
Yen	101.78*	(101.55)
$ Index	93.9	(93.7)

Tokyo close Yen 101.65

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb)	$16.70	($16.80)

GOLD

London close	$387.85	($389.50)

* denotes midday trading price

Matthey fall

Johnson Matthey shares fell 38p to 533p after the company disclosed a 31 per cent drop in profits from catalysts in the first half. The fall reflects the loss of a substantial contract with General Motors.
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Royal merger

Royal Bank of Scotland and Bank of Ireland are in discussions about a £14.5 billion merger of their US banks. It is likely that the Royal Bank's Citizens Financial bank will be the dominant partner in the New England merger.
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Threat to jobs at Post Office

By Eric Reguly

THE POST OFFICE accused the Government yesterday of setting out to drain its financial resources to the point that it will have to raise stamp prices and possibly cut jobs and capital spending in order to stay even.

The criticism came after the Government revealed in its Budget papers plans to take £925 million in Post Office dividends over the next three financial years, against an original £534 million target.

In his first public comments since he was appointed Post Office chief executive a month ago, John Roberts said: "This means that for every pound we make, the Treasury will take 66p, excluding the corporation tax. When you put the two together, there's not a lot left ... any private sector company operating with a shareholder like this just wouldn't survive."

He said it is "almost inevitable" that prices for first- and second-class stamps, now 25p and 19p, will now rise by a a penny in April or May, and he would not rule out a 2p rise The Post Office announced in June prices would remain fixed until the year end, and hoped to keep them unchanged through 1996 as well. The last price rise was in November 1993, when 1p was added. Every 1p price rise provides £130 million to £150 million in extra revenue for the Post Office.

Mr Robert's outburst destroyed any hopes held by Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry that the Post Office would quietly get on with its business in the wake of the decision taken earlier this year to abandon its privatisation.

The Post Office, in spite of being given some additional commercial powers, clearly feels betrayed by the Government. Mr Roberts stopped just short of accusing it of using the service as a piggy bank to help to fund its deficit. He said: "The numbers speak for themselves. We're being asked to generate almost £1 billion for the Government." Labour and the Communication Workers Union condemned the extra payments demanded by the Government.

Margaret Beckett, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said: "The Post Office needs greater investment and greater commercial freedom. The results of this short-sighted and short-term decision will be less investment and a further weakening of the Post Office's competitiveness."

Alan Johnson, joint general secretary of the Communication Workers, which represents about 160,00 of the Post Office's 185,000 employees, said the extra payments threaten to wipe out the service's profits. The Post Office reported a pre-tax profit of £423 million in the year to March 31, against £278 million the year before. After paying tax of £158 million, the profit was £314 million. If the Government dividend of £298 million payable in 1996-97 were applied to the last financial year, the Post Office profit would have been only £16 million.

The Government defended its decision to take more cash out of the Post Office by saying that sacrifices were been demanded from virtually every government service. A DTI spokesman said: "The Post Office has not been singled out."

Mr Roberts said that spending levels may have to be cut in spite of the extra income that would be derived from more expensive stamps. However, the capital expenditure budget of £350 million to £400 million in 1996-97 has already been set and is unlikely to be changed.

Job cuts might also have to be accelerated. The Post Office has eliminated about 10,000 over the past four years. "Inevitably, we're going to have to look at efficiencies," Mr Roberts said. "We're a labour intensive business. We'll be doing more with less jobs."

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Night shift: Post Office workers at Europe's largest sorting office in Birmingham could be hit by job losses

Swalec may face hostile bid

By Christine Buckley

A HOSTILE bid may be launched for South Wales Electricity after talks between it and Welsh Water broke down yesterday after just 20 minutes despite the water company raising its offer by 9½p a share.

Graham Hawker, chief executive of Welsh Water, said a hostile bid would be an option after the raised offer failed to win a recommendation from Swalec. The fact that the water company declined an offer from Swalec to see price sensitive business plans further suggests that a hostile move may be the next stage in the merger saga between the two companies.

Mr Hawker said: "We didn't want exposure to anything that would be considered insider information."

Swalec yesterday brought forward its interim figures and announced a special dividend of £1 a share in a classic defence move. Andrew Walker, chief executive of the electricity company, however, argued that the special dividend was merely a device of returning shareholder value.

Along with the special dividend Swalec also lifted the interim dividend, payable February 22, by 45 per cent to 16p which includes a proportion of a step-up payment.

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Council of Forte to take advice

THE Council of Forte said yesterday that it is taking legal and financial advice on its role in light of Granada's takeover bid for the Forte hotels and restaurant group (Eric Reguly writes).

The Council was set up in 1904 to promote temperance and now consists of eight councillors, including Lord Callaghan, a former prime minister.

It owns less than 1 per cent of Forte's shares but has just over 50 per cent of its voting rights, enabling it, in theory, to block any change of ownership.

In two weeks, the Council will go to the High Court to seek clarification of what its responsibilities are, and to whom it is responsible. It has appointed Hambros Bank as financial adviser.

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Hanson launches £2bn assets sale

By Alasdair Murray

HANSON, the Anglo-American conglomerate, launched a £2 billion disposal programme yesterday to help to cover the £2.5 billion acquisition cost of Eastern Group, the electricity company.

Unveiling a 7 per cent dip in full-year profits to £1.27 million and an unchanged dividend, Derek Bonham, chief executive, said the company was aiming for sales of £1.5 billion in the next 12 months. In addition, Hanson is selling its National Grid stake inherited with the purchase of Eastern in September, for about £450 million.

Hanson wants to cut gearing, currently 130 per cent after the Eastern acquisition, to about 65 per cent. While Mr Bonham would not specify which Hanson subsidiaries were earmarked for sale, he said it was considering smaller businesses or those subsidiaries that did not fit with Hanson's more focused strategy. The most likely targets are Cavenham, a timber company, and Suburban Propane, a gas distributor.

Underlying profits for the whole group rose 33 per cent to £1.37 billion, helped by a strong performance from Quantum, its US chemical arm, where profits grew by 250 per cent to £451 million.

Hanson said the dividend would remain at 3p because it felt investing in the businesses would better serve future dividend growth. Investors have also received shares in USI, the demerged smaller American companies, equivalent to a tax-free dividend worth more than 9p a share this year. The shares closed up 3p at 195.5p.

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GrandMet denies Burger King sale



Sheppard: pleased analysts

By Christine Buckley

GRANDMET, the drink and foods giant, yesterday pledged support for Burger King, its fast food chain, after persistent speculation that the division was to be sold.

George Bull, the chief executive, declared: "We have no intention of demerging, exiting or selling Burger King." He said: "No-one ever believes us when we say it ... but it is not for sale. The underlying profits growth it produced last year proves it is a success and a major contributor to profits."

Burger King increased worldwide comparable store sales by 5.7 per cent and opened 657 new restaurants in the year to the end of September.

Underlying operating profits from Burger King, before refranchising profits, increased ¼ per cent to £166 million. Profits from refranchising fell from £64 million to £30 million. This, along with a £9 million setback from currency swings sliced overall operating profits from £224 million to £196 million.

The City further warmed to Grand Metropolitan and its share price moved up 9p to 442p despite profits before tax and exceptional items slipping 3 per cent in the year to the end of September.

Overall, pre-tax profits before exceptionals fell to £912 million. The final dividend, payable April 9th, was set at 9.4p, making total of 14.9p — a 6.8 per cent increase.

Several analysts upgraded their forecasts after the group revealed a strengthening of prospects for spirits and the benefits of cost-cutting and improved performance in food operations. Lord Sheppard, the retiring chairman, said: "1995 has been the year that these initiatives have begun to benefit all GrandMet's businesses and to position the group for sustainable, long-term growth."

The figures were also seen as putting some distance between the company, which recently completed its management progression with Mr Bull due to assume chairmanship from next March, and the bid speculation which has surrounded it for some time.

IDV, the drinks arm, saw operating profit fall 13 per cent to £455 million, largely because of the loss of Absolut and Grand Marnier agencies and further currency impacts.

But the prospects for spirits made for more optimism after overall comparable volumes rose 2 per cent. The company said spirits prices could rise by 2 per cent next year.



POUR MONSIEUR
ELEGANCE IS TIMELESS
CHANEL

South West Water rises to £54m at half time

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

SOUTH WEST WATER announced a modest 6.7 per cent increase in half-year profits to £54 million before tax yesterday. But in line with other water companies, it has raised the interim dividend by nearly 8 per cent.

The company, which has the highest average bills in the country at £302 a year, increased turnover by 8.3 per cent to £155 million owing to a further 4.1 per cent increase in charges and a larger contribution from its non-regulated businesses.

South West Water faces the huge task of cleaning up one-third of Britain's bathing water. The company said that 30 out of the 33 schemes in its "Clean Sweep" programme were now completed or under way.

It is investing a further £600 million in improving services over the next five years, although group capital expenditure fell from £80 million to £48 million in the first half of the year.

The non-regulated businesses, primarily waste disposal and environmental services, increased turnover by 11 per cent to £47 million, but profits fell 25 per cent to £1.2 million. South West Water has recently spent £94 million on new acquisitions for its waste disposal and environmental instrumentation divisions, which it said would make a profitable contribution by the end of the year.

Keith Court, the South West Water chairman, added that the company was confident of rebutting Ofwat charges that it had charged customers for services it had failed to provide. He also said that after his retirement in April, the company will split the role of chairman and chief executive.

The share price fell 3p to 498p. The interim dividend is 9.8p compared with 9.1p, and is due to be paid on April 8.

South West Water said that about half of the region suffered from hosepipe restrictions at some point during the summer. But the comany promised an extra £7 million expenditure on improving supply to vulnerable areas over the next six months.

Leakage rates had been reduced from 28 per cent to 22 per cent in the past three years. South West Water said its long-term aim is to reduce leakage to 15 per cent by the end of 1999.

JAMES MORGAN



Ewen Macpherson says a cut in interest rates would be a help for the businesses in which 3i invests

Investments by 3i jump 18%

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

IN the half-year to September 30, 3i, the venture capital firm, invested £286.6 million in 297 unquoted firms in Britain, an increase of 18 per cent.

However, Sir George Russell, chairman, said there was evidence that the UK economy had slowed down after a period of higher growth, and companies were expecting a reduced rate of improvement in business conditions.

Ewen Macpherson, chief executive, said 3i had found that the new issues market was quieter and there was "some slowdown in earnings growth of investee businesses". In spite of this, the firm had seen a "steady flow" of new investment opportunities and realisations since the end of September, he said. Investment is running higher than it was last year.

He said that given conflicting economic evidence "it is difficult to know where we will be in six months' time," but a cut in interest rates would help the businesses in which 3i invests.

The interim dividend has been increased 10.7 per cent to 3.1p, due on January 31. Net asset value per share was 12.7 per cent higher at 390p. Shareholders' funds were £2.3 billion, up from £2 billion at the end of March. The firm's total return was £277.3 million, representing a 13.5 per cent return on opening shareholders' funds.

Realisations during the first half included Meconic, the buyout from Glaxo, Smith New Court, which was sold to Merrill Lynch, GCM Print & Packaging Service, Precoat International and Soprodilec.

In continental Europe, 3i invested £36.2 million, up from £34.5 million, with investment in France accounting for two-thirds of the total international investment.

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DELIVERING VALUE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HALF YEAR TO 30.9.95

- Operating profits up 20.9% to £56.7m
- Earnings per share 52.8p, up 34.7%
- Dividend per share 16.0p, up 5.0p
- Special dividend of £1.00 net per share announced
- SWALEC delivers on cost reduction commitments – operating costs down by £20.9m, underlying real reduction of 20.9%
- Continued operating profit growth in non-core businesses
- Second cable licence doubles the potential market for CableTel South Wales
- National Grid demerger benefits customers and shareholders

"Faced with unprecedented cuts in regulated income, SWALEC is committed to driving down core business costs and improving productivity. We have delivered on that pledge and grown profits in all our main businesses. This marks substantial progress towards our cost reduction targets of £45 million by the end of the decade.

"The news that CableTel South Wales has been awarded the licence for the remaining cable franchises in our region underlines the significance of this investment for SWALEC and the consistency of our strategy to grow income outside the core.

"The forthcoming demerger of the National Grid Group is excellent news for SWALEC's customers and shareholders. Customers will be benefiting from a discount, including VAT, of £54.60; shareholders will receive a direct stake in the Grid and participate directly in its future dividends.

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Andrew Walker, Group Chief Executive

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Imro 'was useless', Maxwell trial told

BY A CORRESPONDENT

KEVIN MAXWELL is the only person who has accepted responsibility for his part in the collapse of the Maxwell Group, the Central Criminal Court heard yesterday.

Alun Jones, QC, for Kevin Maxwell, said: "The Maxwell collapse was a disaster." Many people had suffered seriously. He told the jury that others should accept their share of the blame.

Mr Jones said that, among them, Imro, the regulator for fund managers, had been "truly useless" for coming into the group in 1990 and not criticising. He accused it of failing to regulate.

He said Coopers & Lybrand, the Maxwell group auditor, had accepted "the casual movement of assets within the group for a decade" and had also accepted without complaint or reservation the practice of inter-company accounts and debts for many years.

Lawyers, said Mr Jones, had also accepted as normal the casual movement of assets within the group, and had failed to detect and prevent conflicts of interest.

Legal and accountancy advisers, he said, had failed to attack the one-group philosophy, and NatWest had encouraged it. And the directors should also share the blame for allowing Robert Maxwell to run the group in the way that he did.

Michael Hill, QC, for Larry Trachtenberg, said the former Maxwell adviser, had become caught up "simply because he was there" when a group accountant needed a second signature.

Kevin Maxwell, 36, his brother Ian, 39, and Mr Trachtenberg, 42, deny conspiracy to defraud by securing a loan to the Maxwell Group against Teva shares worth £22 million which belonged to the pension funds. The trial continues today.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ford workers vote to reject pay deal

WORKERS at Ford's biggest UK factory have voted overwhelmingly against the company's two-year pay offer. The 8,000 production workers at Dagenham in Essex voted by 93 per cent in a secret ballot to reject a proposed deal worth about 9.25 per cent. Union leaders at the plant said they were not surprised by the size of the decision because feelings were running high that the offer should be improved.

The vote follows a series of mass meetings at Dagenham and at the factory in Croydon. Steve Riley, the Dagenham union convener, said the size of the rejection would strengthen the hand of the unions. "The workers recognise they have to be efficient and have put in a lot of hard work, but they expect something in return," he said. National union officials are due to meet on December 12 to decide their next move. Ford has offered a rise of 4.75 per cent now followed by an increase of 4.5 per cent or the rate of inflation plus 0.5 per cent from next year, but has refused to cut hours from 39 a week to 37.

Dell on defensive

DELL COMPUTER has adopted a "poison pill" defence against possible hostile takeovers, although the US personal computer manufacturer has received no takeover offers. The board voted that shareholders will receive purchase rights to buy a new class of junior preferred stock. The rights could be exercised only if a buyer acquired 15 per cent or more of Dell's common stock or announced a tender offer that would result in ownership of 15 per cent or more of the company's stock. Recent merger activity, including IBM's acquisition of Lotus Development, spurred Dell to consider a defensive measure.

Clubhaus's £18m value

CLUBHAUS is expected to command a stock market value of £18.4 million after its demerger from Ex-Lands next year. The company, which will embrace the leisure interests of Ex-Lands, will raise £5 million through a share placing in tandem with the demerger, with new shares offered at 7.5p each. Proceeds will be used to repay a £1.5 million loan for its purchase of Duke's Dene Golf Club in London. It will also provide working capital and enable it to pursue plans for expansion. Existing Ex-Lands shareholders will receive one Clubhaus share and one Ex-Land Properties share.

Kvaerner lifts stake

KVAERNER, the Norwegian engineering company that has launched a £375 million bid for Amec, announced yesterday that it holds 17 per cent of the British construction group's ordinary shares. Kvaerner, which is offering 100p a share for Amec, is now the biggest shareholder in the company, having increased its stake from 13.5 per cent on Monday. Amec responded by launching its defence, accusing Kvaerner of fundamentally undervaluing the company at only around 16 times earnings, when Kvaerner's proposed disposal of Amec's housing division and the total post-tax earnings is included.

Vendôme suffers

VENDÔME Luxury Group reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £118.5 million from £105.7 million on sales up to £699.5 million from £605 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings were 12.6p a share (12p). The dividend rises 25 per cent to 3.61p. Vendôme, which makes watches and jewellery, says it suffered from a buoyant Swiss franc. Joseph Kanoui, the chairman, said: "With the continued strength of the Swiss franc, operating margins will remain under pressure in the second half of the year."

Biotech price soars £5

SHARES in British Biotech jumped 505p to £15.48 yesterday after the company disclosed significant progress in the development of Marimastat, the oral anti-cancer drug. Interim phase II trials in advanced human cancer showed that 43 per cent of patients showed sufficent benefit to continue treatment with the drug after four weeks of therapy. Full results will be released on completion in 1996. The company also yesterday reported a decline in second-quarter losses to £4 million from £6.6 million.

Tadpole deeper in red

SHARES in Tadpole Technology fell 10p to 78p after increased losses and provisions pushed the beleaguered computer maker deeper into the red at the full-year stage. The group, which makes hand-held computers, slumped to a worse than expected pre-tax loss of £9.95 million (£1.29 million loss) in the year to September 30. The shares have slumped from a high of 440p a year ago, but have partly recovered after touching a low of 36p. The loss per share increased to 38.7p (5.8p loss). There is no dividend.

Scottish Radio record

SCOTTISH Radio Holdings, which owns four commercial radio stations in Scotland and a chain of weekly newspapers in Northern Ireland, tuned into a 22 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to a record £5.11 million in the year to September 30. The group saw turnover increase by 9 per cent to £17.2 million, with broadcast revenue up by a further 6 per cent. There is a final dividend of 4.4p (3.6p), payable on February 15, giving a total of 6.5p (5.4p) for the year, up 20 per cent, from earnings ahead 19 per cent to 15p (12.6p) a share.

Fenchurch profits up

FENCHURCH, the independent insurance broking group, announced an 8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £8.4 million from £7.8 million in the year to September 30 despite difficult trading conditions caused by a fall in insurance premium rates. Turnover rose 5 per cent to £34 million and earnings per share increased to 14.7p from 14.3p. The proposed final dividend is 5.75p net per share, due March 8, lifting the total to 8.5p for the full year from 8p. The shares fell 2p to 135p.

George welcomes 'sensible' Budget

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE GEORGE, the Governor of the Bank of England, said yesterday that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had delivered a "very sensible Budget" but would not be drawn on whether he will now sanction a cut in interest rates.

Speaking at a conference on bank settlement systems, Mr George said on the chance of an interest rate cut: "We shall have to wait and see. A lot of factors go into that sort of decision."

The markets continued to speculate that rates will be lowered after the next monetary meeting between Mr George and Kenneth Clarke on December 13. Gilts moved further ahead and short sterling futures continued to discount a quarter-point cut in base rates. Sterling remained stable near record lows, closing at 82.5 on its effective index, compared with 82.4 on Wednesday.

The Bundesbank yesterday left German interest rates unchanged but a cut in the discount and Lombard rates is still expected some time in the next few weeks.

A cut in rates would help to limit mark strength and perhaps allow a recovery in the pound, making it easier for the Bank of England to sanction a base ratecut.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.15	1.99
Austria Sch	16.54	16.04
Belgium Fr	48.38	44.08
Canada $	2.193	2.033
Cyprus Cypf	0.738	0.683
Denmark Kr	9.16	8.36
Finland Mkk	7.14	6.49
France Fr	8.01	7.38
Germany Dm	2.36	2.15
Greece Dr	384.00	359.00
Hong Kong $	12.53	11.53
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Snk	5.1000	4.4500
Italy Lira	2561.00	2406.00
Japan Yen	170.30	154.30
Malta	0.562	0.537
Netherlds Gld	2.626	2.396
New Zealand $	2.50	2.28
Norway Kr	10.32	9.52
Portugal Esc	242.00	223.50
S Africa Rd	ntd.	5.38
Spain Pta	195.00	182.00
Sweden Kr	10.66	9.86
Switzerland Fr	1.92	1.74
Turkey Lira	rates	60067.0
USA $	1.534	1.504

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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☐ Lord Sheppard promises restraint ☐ Beating the cross-Channel booze cruise ☐ Post Office stamps its feet

GrandMet stays on the wagon

☐ TO ITS critics, Grand Metropolitan is a hyper-active quasi-American corporation of dubious pedigree, unable to say no to the next big deal.

They are wrong. GrandMet is in fact a hyper-active quasi-American corporation of dubious pedigree that may at last have run out of deals to do.

Yesterday brought the final set of figures to be presented by Lord Sheppard, architect of GrandMet as it stands. In 1987, when he became chairman, it was a largely British collection of 30 separate businesses. Since then probably three-quarters of that group has been sold.

The company has also peered deep into the abyss of debt — a peak of £3.8 billion after the 1989 purchase of Pillsbury. Only insiders will know just how close to the brink of that abyss GrandMet edged over the next two or three years, but outsiders discovered that Lord Sheppard was rather sensitive on the subject, which is probably indication enough.

Now GrandMet is a food and drinks group with an American corporate culture of high salaries and higher pay-offs. Debt is down, with interest payments covered more than six times by operating profits, a ratio that has become the touchstone of successive finance directors.

GrandMet is now the compulsive spender that claims these days to be only window-shopping, the alcoholic who hangs around in bars drinking orange juice. It forswears the big sale or purchase — unless the price is too juicy to resist. A similar promise of frugality and sobriety was heard a year ago, alas, just a couple of months before the group fell off the wagon and splashed out £1.7 billion for Pet, the biggest deal since Pillsbury.

So vociferous was the board yesterday in denying strong market rumours that Burger King was up for sale that Lord Sheppard was happy to have the promise carved on his tombstone, just so long as this did not have to be put up immediately. In truth, GrandMet would only need to sell Burger King, worth upwards of £1.5 billion, if it had anything to buy in its place, and in the rarified world of global brands there is not much of any size available.

The shares were held back in the summer by the looming one-offs that left real operating profits 3.5 per cent lower yesterday. The future will be limited to slow but steady accretion of prices and margins.

Analysts were excited by hopes of a 2 per cent-plus rise in spirits prices this year, while there is much to be done at Burger King in Europe. All this makes GrandMet, whose unsteady lurches have stopped a few hearts in its deal-driven heyday, a duller but a safer animal.

Duty calls for the smugglers

☐ NOW all the pre-Budget huffing and puffing is over, and the drinks industry has got away with about the best result it could expect, the time has come to take a sensible look at alcohol duty.

The industry wants duty slashed right back to continental levels to beat the "booze cruise". As part of this Euro-harmonisation, perhaps we could also have provincial French hotels, Neapolitan blue skies and a London Tube system as clean, well ordered and efficient as the Munich Metro?



No chance. Instead, why not combine the duty and VAT that goes on to drink, and have it levied at the point of sale by the VATman? At present, the pint that costs £1.50 comprises 22p of VAT and another 25p of excise duty — but not if it is bought on the Continent.

So organised gangs smuggle thousands of crates of bottled beer, all well-known brands, which are passed on to unscrupulous club owners and pub landlords to sell over the bar. Sellers do not blink at the VAT element, which is levied in the usual way, because they save so much on duty.

As any small trader will tell you, the VATman has draconian powers and is genuinely feared. Fiddles take place, often of bewildering complexity, but the average small businessman would rather fall out with the local cop shop, MI5 and MI6 rolled into one than attract the attentions of the VAT inspector.

The merging of duty and VAT at current levels into one tax, paid at the four-ale bar, the off-licence next door or the local supermarket, would remove many of the attractions of organised smuggling. There would still be gangs going around the grimmer housing estates peddling cardboard crates of cheap lager. But there would be no alternative of an organised distribution system.

The brewers would benefit in two ways. Not only would they gain sales from the smugglers, but if duty and VAT were levied as one tax, it would be clearer to those who occasionally stock up across the Channel just how much of the cost of each pint or bottle of wine goes to the Government. Today, it is disguised as two taxes. Such a dawning realisation might even drum up sufficient pressure of public opinion for lower drink duties.

Return to sender

☐ GUNG-HO supporters of Post Office privatisation could be forgiven for saying I told you so. If the Post Office was already in the hands of private shareholders, it would be immune from the wholesale looting revealed in the Budget papers.

John Roberts, the Post Office's new chief executive, argues that the extra £1 billion being extracted by the Treasury in the form of dividends should be used to make Royal Mail, Parcelforce and Counters more competitive, not to bail out the Chancellor.

He should stop complaining. Ownership has its rights and the Government, as sole shareholder, can do what it wants. Plenty of other government departments have had to make sacrifices.

Mr Roberts, in spite of his protests, has plenty of room to manoeuvre. The Post Office has made admirable efficiency gains, but more are available. British Telecom might provide some inspiration. BT, which has lost its monopoly and is under the regulator's orders to drop prices in real terms every year, has nonetheless emerged as one of world's most profitable telephone companies.

The Post Office can hardly be expected to welcome the extra payments, but it could always make the best of a bad deal and cut out another slice of fat.

Order, order

☐ WELCOME to the 20th century. The Stock Exchange has done well to ram through, in the teeth of opposition from market-makers, a more efficient orders-driven dealing system. The process must now avoid becoming bogged down in endless consultative committees.

Banks in talks on £14.5bn merger of US businesses

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Bank of Scotland and Bank of Ireland have confirmed that they are in discussions about a £14.5 billion merger of their US banking businesses.

As RBS's Citizens Financial has $10.5 billion assets, and Bank of Ireland's First NH $4 billion, it is likely that RBS will be the dominant partner in a jointly owned banking group. Each has strong market penetration in New England.

The two are conducting due diligence and a deal is expected by the end of the year. Dr George Mathewson, chief executive of RBS, refused to comment on the talks yesterday other than to confirm that they were taking place. The move is part of widespread consolidation in the US retail banking market.

At the presentation of RBS's results for the year to September 30 yesterday, Lord Younger, chairman, said that while there were good reasons to expect that economic activity would rebound in the coming year, "there is significant risk that the present softness will continue". As a result, he said, it would be appropriate to cut interest rates. He said: "RBS has a pretty good reputation for prudence. This has been an extremely prudent Budget and I would hope that as a result of that, interest rates will be able to come down."

The bank unveiled a 13 per cent pre-tax profit increase to £602 million after bad debts fell 39 per cent to £114 million. It plans to distribute £30 million to 23,000 staff in a profit-sharing scheme equivalent to 8.8 per cent of basic salaries.

The dividend for the year has been increased from 13.75p to 16.2p, with the final payment of 11.6p due on February 23. Bob Speirs, finance director, said RBS had decided to change its dividend policy. From next year, conditions allowing, it plans to pay an interim dividend of one third of the value of the previous year's total dividend. This will make next year's interim dividend 5.4p, assuming trading conditions do not deteriorate.

Profits from branch banking were 39 per cent higher at £238 million. Corporate and institutional banking made a 2.5 per cent higher contribution at £163 million. Direct Line, the telephone insurance operation, increased profits £2 million to £112 million.

Citizens' profits increased significantly to £107 million from £39 million, of which £30 million came from acquisitions.

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Hogg Robinson cheers City with 35% profit leap

HOGG ROBINSON, the financial services and business travel group, pleased the City with a 35 per cent rise in first-half profits to £10.68 million before tax (Marianne Curphey writes).

The financial services division lifted profits 35 per cent to £3.67 million in a market beset by pension mis-selling scandals and a slump in the sale of life products. The results appear to vindicate Hogg Robinson's £13 million purchase of Bain Hogg, the financial services group, from Inchcape in October 1994.

Brian Perry, chairman, said that success had come from anticipating and adapting to government policy. "We have for two years been talking to insurers about expanding the range of private health care insurance policies which the Chancellor mentioned in the Budget. We try to stay ahead of the rest of the market." Hogg Robinson shares rose 11p to 204p.

Royal Insurance Group announced that it has sold 500,000 shares, reducing its holding to under three per cent in Hogg Robinson.

Hogg's business travel profits increased 25 per cent to £3.02 million, with a three-month contribution of £2.34 million from Sweden's Bennett Travel, the second oldest travel company in the world, acquired for £58.5 million in June. Hogg has also been expanding travel and business services into Russia and eastern Europe, although these made no contribution to profits. UK operations saw an 18 per cent increase in turnover and a 25 per cent increase in profits to just over £3 million.

The interim is up 11.8 per cent to 3.3p, payable on January 19.



JAMES MORGAN

Jean-Pierre Cuny: price increases

BPB sees better margins

BY CARL MORTISHED

BPB, the building materials group that controls half of the European plasterboard market, is forecasting better margins in the second half after cost pressures in the first six months of the financial year.

Despite weak housing markets in Britain and France, BPB's European plasterboard volumes were up 5 per cent in the half year to September 30. Underlying pre-tax profits were up 13.5 per cent to £86.4 million but the company's margins came under pressure from waste paper prices.

Jean-Pierre Cuny, chief executive, and the board say plasterboard prices have lagged the increase in the cost of waster paper, which has risen five-fold in two years. However, BPB has pushed through a 10 per cent price increase in Germany and plans further increases in the UK and France during January.

Gearing is down to 11 per cent and the dividend is up 8 per cent to 3.35p after earnings of 9.6p (0.4p).

Rowland challenge to Gencor vote validity

Lonrho to merge platinum

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

LONRHO shareholders voted yesterday to merge the company's platinum interests with those of Gencor of South Africa.

The result is a defeat for Tiny Rowland, the former Lonrho chief executive, who was ousted from the board a year ago and who has since campaigned to stop the merger. He said last night he would challenge the validity of the vote.

The merger was agreed by 378.3 million votes cast for in favour of it compared with 1.5 million against.

Sir John Leahy, chairman of Lonrho, said: "Lonrho with Gencor will become the majority shareholders in the biggest platinum mining producer in South Africa and possibly the world." The merger will give Lonrho and Gencor 31.8 per cent of an enlarged Impala Platinum Holdings, which is quoted in Johannesburg and London. Impala shareholders must give their approval at a meeting to be held next week for the merger to become final.

Mr Rowland said last night he will challenge the validity of the proxy votes on the grounds that the 90-page circular sent out by Lonrho brfore yesterday's extraordinary general meeting did not adequately inform shareholders of the facts before soliciting their proxies.

Mr Rowland last week wrote to each Lonrho shareholder and placed a full page advertisement in the *Financial Times* attacking the deal's terms, which, he said, did not compensate Lonrho with a fair price for the loss of ultimate control of its largest asset.

He did not speak at yesterday's extraordinary general meeting but sat surrounded by advisers who spoke in turn on his behalf.

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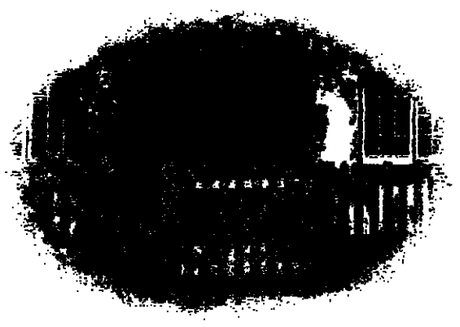


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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

De La Rue and Inchcape face loss of index status

BIGGEST is best in the stock market, but there are four companies which are not as big as they were and which now face losing their place as constituents of the FT-SE 100 index.

The Stock Exchange Steering Committee meets next week to decide their fate after the recent sharp decline in their share prices. Two are **Inchcape**, 2p easier at 237p, having seen its price drop from around the 300p level since the start of November, and **De La Rue**, 35p off at 660p yesterday and down from 900p since the start of the month. The other casualties are likely to be **Sears**, 2½p easier at 100p, and **Arjo Wiggins**, 10½p cheaper at 171½p.

The top 100 companies are those with the biggest capitalisation. The loss of their star status means that they will not attract the support of the tracking funds which only invest in those companies that make up the index.

One company which has begun attracting the tracking funds on both sides of the Atlantic is **BSkyB**, up 20p at 434p, after briefly touching 441p, as almost ten million shares changed hands. It is already listed among the top 100 companies in terms of capitalisation and has now become a constituent of the Morgan Stanley Capital International index fund.

Earlier this week, BSkyB fought off the Football Association and the Premier League to screen the Endsleigh League in a deal worth £125 million.

BSkyB was floated at 265p in December last year. Only two months ago Pearson sold its stake in BSkyB at around the 365p level. **Pearson** finished 13p lower at 649p.

Elsewhere, shares managed to cling on to a modest lead to close at a new high, despite a hesitant start to trading on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index, up 12 points at its best, eventually closed 8.8 better at 3,664.3. Turnover totalled 755 million shares.

The biggest gain on the day was seen in **British Biotechnology**, which leapt 505p to finish at £15.48. Last night brokers were predicting that the shares would be testing the £20 level today after claiming a major breakthrough in cancer treatment for its product, Marimastat.

South Wales Electricity (Swalec) jumped another 24p to £11.13 after rejecting an improved set of terms from Welsh Water, just 24 hours after indicating its intention to bid.



Peter Morgan, new chairman of Swalec, which rose 24p

On Thursday, Welsh Water said it was prepared to make an offer of between 825p and 840p a share. That offer was rejected and yesterday the company said it was prepared to raise its offer to 916p, excluding the National Grid.

Swalec said it would not recommend the offer at this level because it failed to reflect shareholder value. Graham Hawker, chief executive of Welsh Water, said Swalec's position was unreasonable and he saw no point in continuing the talks.

Vodafone, the cellular network operator, stood out with a rise of 11p at 234p. Brokers are currently on a tour of the group's overseas operations. The first stop was Greece, with visits to South Africa and Australia also on the schedule. There has been talk that the recent surge in new subscribers had begun to slow.

Royal Bank of Scotland, a takeover favourite, rose 10p to 557p, encouraged by the decision to pay a 16.2p dividend compared with its earlier forecast of 15.8p. This coincided with news that the group is merging its US subsidiary, Citizens Financial, with Bank of Ireland First Holdings, a subsidiary of Bank of Ireland.

The move has been seen by brokers as a defensive move following recent speculation that the group may soon find itself the target of an unwanted bid approach. Elsewhere in the banks, speculative buying lifted **Standard Chartered** a further 10p to 606p, while **HSBC** advanced 23½p to 991½p.

GKN dropped 20p to 806p as brokers turned sellers following a meeting with the company. GKN has emerged from the recession in good shape, and during the past couple of years, established itself at Britain's biggest engineer. However, analysts complain that it has become cautious about prospects.

Hanson celebrated full-year figures at the top end of expectations with a rise of 3p to 195½p. This followed a rise of 33 per cent in pre-tax profits to £1.37 billion.

Even so, the quarterly dividend was held at 3p, making 12p for the year. Lord Hanson, chairman, described trading prospects as "extremely positive" despite a further softening in some of parts of the British economy.

A profits warning left ASW Holdings nursing a fall of 25p to 108p.

First-time dealings in **Cash Converter International** on the big board got off to an encouraging start. The group, which is a franchise operator specialising in secondhand goods, saw its shares placed by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, at 23.8p. They started life at 26p, where they ended the day as 3.33 million shares were traded.

It was also the first day for Cox Insurance Holdings after a placing by Raphael Zorn Hemsley, the broker, at 50p. The price leapt to 108p initially before closing at 110p, a premium of 60p.

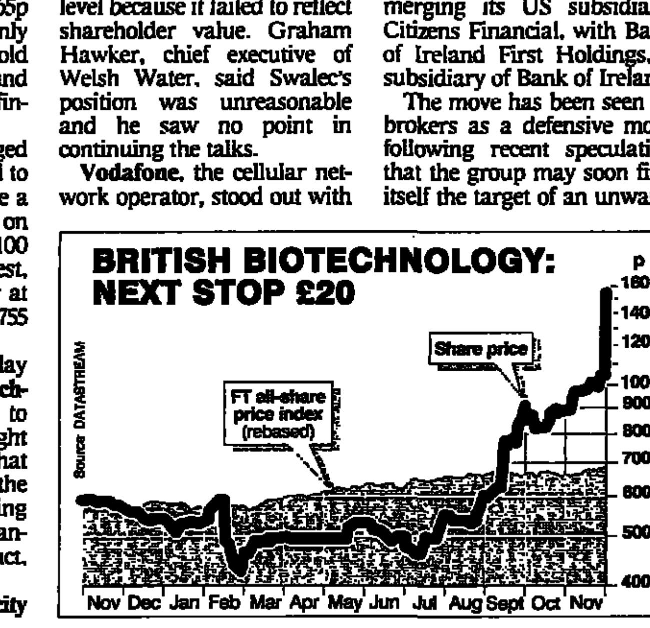
☐ GILT-EDGED: The yield curve continued to steepen in the wake of the Budget with the short end benefiting from the growing prospect of a cut in interest rates, while longs continued to ponder the upward revision in the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement.

Prices started the day on a firm note, reflecting the overnight strength of US Treasury bonds. After a brief pause around mid-morning, the market again resumed its climb, closing at the best of the day.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished £⅜ better at £110 5/32 as a total of 58,500 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2013 firmed £7/32 at £101 15/16, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose £⅛ to £104½.

☐ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were weaker on profit-taking. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 11.92 points lower at 5,093.64.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 5093.64 (-11.92)
S&P Composite 606.81 (-0.83)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 18744.42 (+210.44)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9813.34 (+196.02)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 478.11 (+0.89)

Sydney:
AO 2158.80 (-1.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2242.83 (-2.79)

Singapore:
Straits 2128.11 (+17.94)

Brussels:
General 7996.69 (+13.01)

Paris:
CAC-40 1828.28 (-29.05)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 701.30 (-0.10)

London:

FT 30	2666.4 (-8.9)
FT 100	3664.3 (+8.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3959.1 (+8.1)
FT-SE-A 350	1814.8 (+4.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1454.02 (-7.74)
FT A All-Share	1788.6 (+3.99)
FT Non Financials	1884.08 (+2.59)
FT Fixed Interest	113.93 (+0.01)
FT Govt Secs	95.42 (+0.08)
Bargains	28168
SEAQ Volume	755.0m
USM (Datastrm)	190.05 (+1.78)
US$	1.5290 (-0.0050)
German Mark	2.2094 (+0.0050)
Exchange Index	82.5 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1737
£:SDR	1.0321
RPI	149.8 Oct (3.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	148.7 Oct (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust HI Inc C (100)	98	...
Arlon Props	9	...
BZW Eqts Tesco Elt	295	+ 2
Benfield & Rea	103	...
Cash Conv Intl	26	...
Cox Insurance	110	...
David Glass (60)	66	...
East Surrey NV	448	...
Gardner (L)	145	- 1
Heritage Baths (125)	166	+ 3
Hoare Govett Sml C	96½	...
Jasmin	106	...
London Town	80	...
Martin Currie Japan	94	...
Martin Currie Jp Wt	30	...
Peptide Thrptcs (200)	238	...
Premium Undrtg C	125	...
Revelation Plcc	105	...
Schroder Asia Pc	99	+ 1
Tom Cobleigh	215	+ 16
Trocadero	43	+ 2
Vero Group	275	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allied Leisure n/p (34)	7	...
Cordiant n/p (60)	30½	- ½
Frport Lels n/p (100)	13	- 2
Mayborn n/p (210)	38	...
Pilkington n/p (155)	37	+ 1
Snst & Vine n/p (97)	10½	- 1½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Celltech	549p (+42p)
Cortecs	162p (+11p)
Eve Group	193p (+13p)
Psion	768p (+48p)
House of Fraser	167p (+10p)
Hogg Robinson	205p (+12p)
FALLS:	
ASW	108p (-25p)
Tadpole Tech	78p (-10p)
De La Rue	660p (-35p)
Frost Group	193p (-10p)
Renison	295p (-15p)
Airtours	309p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Celtic alliance

BOTH Royal Bank of Scotland and NatWest would like to reduce their American exposure but the Scots have come up with a much neater solution to the problem of what to do with Citizens than NatWest has with Bancorp, a near neighbour.

Royal's joint venture talks with Bank of Ireland follow NatWest's clumsy attempt to find a buyer for its Bancorp unit. A deal had been expected from NatWest by the end of the year, but it now appears that the $4 billion price tag is proving a deterrent to prospective buyers. In addition, the requirement for cash is causing problems, both in terms of funding but also for accounting reasons as the purchaser will suffer a profits squeeze from amortising so much goodwill. NatWest has signalled its wish for a clean break but it may now be faced with piecemeal sales.

Royal has come through its Project Columbus bank restructuring in the UK in reasonable shape, and the benefits of it should start to feed through to profits next year. Direct Line insurance remains in profit despite the price war that has sent competitors into underwriting losses and new business areas like IBOS, development capital and Direct Line offshoots are developing well.

The main concern about Royal is where it fits in the continuing shake-up and consolidation of financial services. The bank would like to buy a building society but Nationwide, which would provide the best geographical fit, is keen on its independence and it is not clear why Royal should expand in this crowded market. Mortgages are not RBS's core business, accounting for just 21 per cent of loans.

Hanson

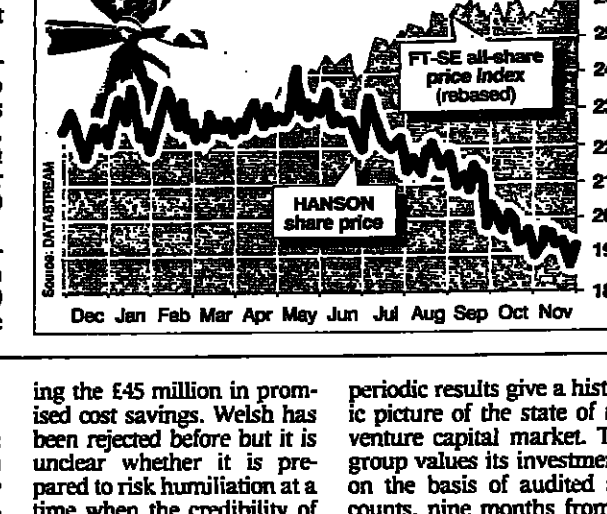
HANSON never gained much credit for investing in commodity industries as the cycle turned upwards. The market worried about the strategy, the gearing level and the next deal.

However, Quantum, the chemicals business, yesterday turned in a sparkling performance reflecting the peak in polyethylene prices, but after producing profits of £451 million, the trend must be downwards.

After the cost-cutting exercise, which should help to ensure that Quantum does not make losses in a trough, the market is guessing that the mid-trend of a leaner Quantum might be £270 million.

The more immediate concern is the speed at which Hanson will reduce its 130 per cent gearing after the acquisition of Eastern. The company is no slouch at selling businesses and a sale of Eastern's National Grid shares will absorb about £480 million but that still leaves a big number if Hanson is to achieve its target of £2 billion in 12 months.

Of more concern is the outlook for earnings as the chemicals industry adjusts to destocking and gentler growth. The company has high hopes for Eastern but has apparently taken a significant provision against certain of the Rec's contracts. Hanson is still yielding over 7 per cent but with capital investment likely to increase, there will not be great deal of cash for investors until the disposal gets under way.



Swalec

THE courtship of South Wales Electricity by Welsh Water has elements of *Pride and Prejudice*: much flouncing, posturing and as yet no marriage. However, this one could end in tears.

Welsh Water has been toying with the affections of Swalec for some time, first expressing interest, then acting coy. An offer of engagement was postponed pending valuation of the National Grid. Then, it turned bashful ahead of the Budget.

But when it comes down to it, Welsh may not be possessed of the fortune that would impress Swalec. Yesterday, Swalec turned down another proposal and revealed a defensive special dividend payment. Swalec is looking for a far bigger dowry than the 800p a share (ex Grid, ex special and interim dividend) that Welsh is offering. The company is not just striking attitudes but is well on the way to achieving the £45 million in promised cost savings. Welsh has been rejected before but it is unclear whether it is prepared to risk humiliation at a time when the credibility of Swalec is increasing. And if the two companies do get hitched, there are those who say that Andrew Walker, chief executive of the electricity company, will wear the trousers.

3i

WHOEVER told the Chancellor that UK plc would grow by 3 per cent next year, it was not an investor in smaller businesses. The largest venture capital group in the country has not turned bearish but 3i's Enterprise Barometer has been on a downward trend since the beginning of last year and while the balance of opinion is still positive, 3i reckons that earnings growth in its portfolio is slowing.

3i itself is an interesting barometer of business but its periodic results give a historic picture of the state of the venture capital market. The group values its investments on the basis of audited accounts, nine months from a company's financial year end.

Last year, 3i's companies were producing earnings growth of 20 per cent or more but the picture has slowed markedly since then.

That is reflected in the balance of new business for 3i with many more opportunities for buyouts than demand for development capital.

The recovery in UK plc has not been followed by a confident investment in new capacity. Instead big companies have shed subsidiaries, offering opportunities for entrepreneurs.

If the chancellor is right, 3i and its stable of entrepreneurs will make hay from the past year's investments but right now it looks like a slower road to riches.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	902-901	Mar	1020-1018
Mar	939-938	May	1031-1030
May	959-958	Jul	unq
Jul	978-977	Sep	—
Sep	997-996		
Dec	1008-1007	Volume:	12315

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	n/a	Jul	1821-1820
Jan	2140-2135	Sep	1790-1760
Mar	1976-1975	Nov	1760-1740
May	1882-1880	Volume:	7905

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	305.3-04.5
Spot: 386.0		Dec	300.7-99.8
Mar	350.1-49.0	Mar	300.1-98.6
May	341.5-40.6	May	302.6-00.6
Aug	333.5-32.5	Volume:	1153

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	104.69	115.20	122.24
(+/-)	+2.24	+6.37	-2.79
Eng/Wales:	104.69	114.81	120.70
(+/-)	+2.24	+4.83	-3.12
(%)	-18.0	+7.0	+16.0
Scotland:	unq	116.33	130.52
(+/-)	—	+10.54	-0.66
(%)	—	-1.0	+10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.10	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.95	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.70	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	18.15	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.80	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 117 (-9)	O: 179 (-9)
Gasoil EEC	160 (n/c)	161 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	160 (-1)	162 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	158 (-1)	160 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (n/c)	93m (n/c)
Naphtha	150 (n/c)	153 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	156.50-56.75	Mar	153.50-54.00
Jan	156.75-57.00	Apr	152.25-52.50
Feb	155.50-55.75	Vol:	12638

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	16.94-16.95	Apr	16.34 SLR
Feb	16.66-16.68	May	16.22 SLR
Mar	16.46-16.48	Vol:	25566

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	126.30	Jan	115.75
Mar	128.55	Mar	117.75
May	130.55	May	119.75
Jul	132.50	Sep	110.50
Sep	114.90	Nov	112.25
Volume: 233		Volume: 176	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	270.0
Apr	265.0	268.0
May	unq	295.0
		Volume: 59

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jan 114.00-114.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 95	1680	1680	1680
Dec 95	1564	1550	1555
Jan 96	1525	1500	1520
Apr 96	1510	1490	1504

Vol: 171 lots Open interest: 4392
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2910.0-2920.0	2724.0-2726.0	1826315
Lead ($/tonne)	742.00-742.50	720.00-720.50	253725
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1022.5-1023.0	1047.5-1048.0	534325
Tin ($/tonne)	6295.0-6305.0	6340.0-6342.0	46510
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1648.0-1648.5	1685.0-1685.5	1049850
Nickel ($/tonne)	8230.0-8295.0	8360.0-8365.0	131088

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	500	15	27	34½	14	21½	28½
(*510)	550	1½	9½	15½	54	56	60½
Argyll	300	15	25	29	6½	12	17½
(*311)	330	4	11½	15	25	29	34½
ASDA	100	7½	11½	13½	5½	8	8
(*101)	110	3½	7½	9½	11½	14	13½
Boots	550	27½	42½	50½	7½	12½	21
(*566½)	600	5½	17	25	36	40	46½
Br Airways	460	15½	29	36	12	18½	25
(*460)	500	3	12	18½	40½	43½	48½
BP	500	22½	32½	40	6	13½	18½
(*512½)	550	2½	10½	17	37½	42½	46
Br Steel	160	12	17½	20½	2½	5	9
(*169)	180	2½	7½	10	13	15	19½
C & W	420	34½	49½	56½	5	12	17½
(*451)	460	12	27	35½	22	28½	35
CU	600	52	65½	72½	4½	16½	21
(*644)	650	20½	34	44	20½	39½	43½
ICI	750	27	40½	53½	15½	32½	38
(*757½)	800	8	19	31	46	64	68
Kingfishr.	500	29½	43	48½	8	19½	26½
(*517½)	550	7	18½	25	36	47	53½
Land Sec	550	51	63	69	1	4	10½
(*595½)	600	13	28	35	13	19½	31
M & S	420	31	42½	48	2½	6½	11
(*446)	460	7	18½	24½	18½	23	29
Nat West	650	32½	43½	57	12	28½	37½
(*665½)	700	10	21	34½	39	59	66
Sainsbury	360	30½	40	44	2	5½	10
(*385)	390	10½	21½	26	12	16½	23
Shell	800	21	36	42½	11	25½	29½
(*804)	850	3½	13	21	46	56½	60
Smkl Bch.	650	52½	66½	79½	4½	12½	17
(*693)	700	19½	35½	50	21	32½	37
Storehse	300	30½	37	44	2½	5½	9½
(*328½)	330	11	18½	25½	13	17	21
Trafalgar	20	5½	7½	8	1	2	3
(*24½)	25	3	5½	6½	3½	4½	6
Unilever.	1250	40½	62	75½	12	30½	36½
(*1267)	1300	15	34½	49½	38	56½	62
Zeneca	1300	56½	92	117½	26	61½	72
(*1320)	1350	32½	67	91½	51½	87½	97
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met.	420	30½	39	47½	12	16	21½
(*441)	460	12	21	28	34	37½	42½
Ladbroke.	140	13	15½	19½	8	13	15½
(*143½)	160	5	7½	11½	20	25	27
Utd Bisc	260	16	21	24	10½	18	19½
(*261½)	280	8½	13	16	22	30	31½

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	37	48	55½	2½	6½	11½
(*491)	500	11	22½	31	16½	21½	22
Thames W	550	23½	41	47½	12½	19½	33½
(*552½)	600	6½	19½	25	47½	49	63
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	550	29½	37½	45½	16½	29	37
(*556)	600	10½	17½	25½	48	60½	67½
BTR	330	16	20½	25	7½	13½	16
(*335)	360	4	8	12	26	32½	34½
Br Aero	800	54	71	90½	23½	35	44
(*820½)	850	30	46½	64½	49	60½	68½
Br Telcm	360	22½	29	36½	7	9½	15
(*377½)	390	7½	14½	21	23½	29½	30½
Cadbury	550	32½	41	51	20	32	36½
(*555½)	600	12	20	30	49½	62	66½
Guinness	460	21½	27½	35	13½	22½	26
(*462)	500	6½	11½	18½	39	48	50½
GEC	300	22	29	33½	4½	7	12
(*316½)	330	6	13	17½	19½	21½	26½
Hanson	191	8	—	—	7½	—	—
(*195½)	211	2	—	—	22	—	—
LASMO	160	10½	14½	19	7	10	12
(*161½)	180	3½	6½	10½	19½	21½	23½
Lucas	180	13½	17½	21½	5½	8½	10½
(*185)	200	5	8	12½	17	19½	21½
Pilkingtn	191	13	17	21	8	9	13
(*192½)	210	5½	8½	12½	20	20	23½
Prudential	420	28½	34	40½	13	21½	25
(*430)	460	11	16	23	35	44½	48
Redland	360	32	40	43	7	14½	17
(*380)	390	15½	23	27	20	29½	32
R-Royce	160	22	24	28½	2	4½	6½
(*178)	180	9	12	17½	9	13	15
Tesco	280	20	25½	28	7	11½	14
(*289)	300	9½	15	18	16½	22	24½
Vodafone	220	23½	30½	35	4½	8½	10
(*235½)	240	12	19½	24½	13	17½	19
Williams	330	14½	20	23	9	16½	17½
(*331½)	360	4	7	11	29	36	36½

FT-SE INDEX (*3660½)

	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800
Calls						
Dec	126	81½	43	19½	5½	1
Jan	150½	113½	81½	56	34½	20
Feb	175	138½	108½	81½	59½	42½
Mar	189½	156	126	100	76½	58
Jun	—	199	—	144½	—	97
Puts						
Dec	7½	12½	25½	54½	97	147
Jan	26	40	58½	83½	114½	153½
Feb	39	53	73½	98	128	164½
Mar	52½	69½	89	114	141½	175
Jun	—	112	—	156½	—	210½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	600	45½	62½	68	1½	16	24
(*639)	650	12½	32½	40½	17½	39½	47
Amstrad	260	9	20	28	4½	11½	15
(*264½)	280	1½	11	18½	16½	22½	26
Barclays	750	40½	61½	70½	4	20½	29
(*784½)	800	9	32½	43	23	45	53
Blue Circ	300	27	36½	41	1	6	11½
(*325½)	330	6	18½	23	9½	18	25½
Br Gas	240	8½	18	21½	4	10	14½
(*243½)	260	2½	9	12½	17	21	26
Dixons	390	26	41	48½	2	11½	19½
(*413)	420	8	25	32	13	24	28½
Forte	330	16½	28½	30	3	9	14½
(*342½)	360	2½	13	15½	19½	23	29
Tarmac	90	7½	12	14	1	4	6
(*96)	100	2	6½	9	5½	9	11½
Hillsdwn	140	15½	19	20	0	2½	6
(*154½)	160	3	6½	8	6½	10	16½
Lonrho	160	9	14½	18	1½	6½	7½
(*167)	180	1	5½	9	13½	18½	19
Sears	100	2½	6	8½	2½	4½	7
(*100)	110	0	2½	4	10	11	13
Thrn Emi	1500	69½	106½	143	6½	33	41
(*1556½)	1600	15	55	89	51	82½	88
Tomkins	260	9½	17	34	3	10	12½
(*265½)	280	1½	8	14½	15	21	23½
TSB	390	20½	25	29½	4	17½	22
(*405)	420	5	9	13½	18½	37½	40
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	40½	59½	73½	15	32½	41
(*871)	900	16½	33½	49	39	59	67
HSBC	950	58½	84	101	14	39½	51½
(*987½)	1000	31	56	73½	35	64½	75½
Reuter	600	31½	47½	62½	12½	25	31
(*615)	650	10	23½	38	40½	51½	57½
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	35½	43½	50	3½	14½	20
(*387)	390	17	26½	34	14½	29	34½
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	5	7½	7½	0½	0½	0½
(*264)	280	0	0½	0½	16	16	17½
Series		Feb	May		Feb	May	
Eastern Gp	950	27	27	—	0½	2	—
(*974)	1000	0½	2½	—	33½	34	—
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	11½	28	38	6½	16	29½
(*462)	500	1	12½	20½	38	41	49
Scot Pwr	360	19	25½	33½	2	10	12
(*375½)	390	3	11	18½	15½	29½	27½

November 30, 1995 Tot: 19948 Call: 9267 Put: 10681 FT-SE Call: 1187 Put: 5874
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3666.0	3679.0	3648.0	3668.0	6856
Previous open interest: 75731	Mar 96	3685.0	3692.5	3683.0	3692.0	691
FT-SE 250	Dec 95	3960.0	3960.0	3960.0	3960.0	300
Previous open interest: 3500	Mar 96	4005.0	4005.0	4005.0	4005.0	300
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.58	93.58	93.52	93.56	11912
Previous open interest: 372625	Mar 96	93.84	93.84	93.77	93.82	15488
	Jun 96	93.93	93.94	93.87	93.92	8708
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.26	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.68	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.13	96.14	96.10	96.10	24935
Previous open interest: 914445	Mar 96	96.32	96.35	96.29	96.33	34894
Long Gilt	Dec 95	109-29	110-08	109-14	110-03	59133
Previous open interest: 138465	Mar 96	109-10	109-23	108-28	109-17	21229
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	122.99	123.03	122.89	122.90	1091
	Mar 96	121.70	121.76	121.65	121.70	2441
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	98.47	98.90	98.19	98.77	201162
Previous open interest: 218226	Mar 96	97.89	98.30	97.60	98.19	48161
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.60	94.61	94.45	94.58	3327
Previous open interest: 21324	Mar 96	94.75	94.80	94.67	94.79	1926
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.98	98.00	97.90	97.91	3813
Previous open interest: 57377	Mar 96	98.24	98.25	98.12	98.14	8530
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	104.40	105.18	104.05	105.05	56665
Previous open interest: 43136	Mar 96	104.00	104.83	103.75	104.71	15098

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6½ Week fixed: 6 11/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅜; 3 mth 6 11/32. Sell: 2 mth 6⅜; 3 mth: 6 11/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¾-6⅝	6 11/16-6 19/32	6½-6⅜	6 7/16-6 5/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¾-6 11/16	6¾-6⅝	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 9/16-6 7/16	6 17/32-6 13/32
Interbank:	6¾-6 11/16	6¾-6⅝	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 9/16-6 7/16	6 17/32-6 13/32
Overnight: open 6¾ close 6⅝.					
Local Authority Deps:	6 11/16	n/a	6½	6⅜	6 5/16
Sterling CDs:	6¾-6 11/16	6 11/16-6 19/32	6⅝-6 9/16	6½-6⅜	6⅜-6¼
Dollar CDs:	5.87	n/a	5.78	5.62	5.53
Building Society CDs:	6¾-6 11/16	6¾-6⅝	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 9/16-6 7/16	6 17/32-6 13/32

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 11/16-5 9/16	5⅝-4½
Deutschemark:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3⅝	4⅛-3⅞
French Franc:	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅝-4½
Swiss Franc:	2 5/16-2 3/16	2 5/16-2 3/16	2 5/16-2 3/16	2¼-2⅛	2½-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $387.90-388.20 Close: $387.60-388.10 High: $388.35-388.85
Low: $387.10-387.60 AM: $387.85 PM: $387.80

Krugerrand: $388.00-390.00 (£253.00-255.00)

Platinum: $413.00 (£269.25) Silver: $5.20 (£3.395) Palladium: $132.15 (£86.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4604-2.4800	2.4767-2.4800	¾-⅝pr	1⅝-1½pr
Brussels	45.16-45.55	45.45-45.55	12-9pr	32-26pr
Copenhagen	8.5110-8.5870	8.5650-8.5870	1⅛-1pr	3½-2⅝pr
Dublin	0.9642-0.9672	0.9646-0.9671	11-7pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.2085-2.2154	2.2123-2.2154	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	230.13-232.00	231.36-232.00	28-54ds	109-152ds
Madrid	187.55-188.76	188.48-188.76	42-51ds	132-149ds
Milan	2445.3-2455.5	2445.3-2449.3	8-9ds	23-24ds
Montreal	2.0768-2.0833	2.0768-2.0798	0.19-0.07pr	0.28-0.15pr
New York	1.5300-1.5354	1.5300-1.5310	0.10-0.08pr	0.26-0.23pr
Oslo	9.6920-9.7560	9.7410-9.7560	1⅛-2⅛ds	5-6ds
Paris	7.5810-7.6440	7.6300-7.6440	⅛-1ds	⅝-¼pr
Stockholm	9.990-10.059	10.024-10.047	1⅛-2⅛ds	5-6ds
Tokyo	155.42-156.13	155.63-155.89	⅞-⅝pr	2⅛-2⅞pr
Vienna	15.532-15.585	15.559-15.585	⅝-⅜pr	1-⅜pr
Zurich	1.7819-1.7999	1.7971-1.7999	⅞-⅝pr	2-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3428-1.3437
Austria	10.12-10.13
Belgium (Com)	29.57-29.58
Canada	1.3551-1.3556
Denmark	5.5690-5.5720
France	4.9655-4.9670
Germany	1.4382-1.4392
Hong Kong	7.7345-7.7355
Ireland	1.5862-1.5880
Italy	1596.20-1597.70
Japan	101.27-101.37
Malaysia	2.5357-2.5367
Netherlands	1.6102-1.6112
Norway	6.3425-6.3475
Portugal	150.76-150.85
Singapore	1.4088-1.4098
Spain	122.65-122.70
Sweden	6.5384-6.5459
Switzerland	1.1675-1.1685

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5332-1.5358
Australia dollar	2.0590-2.0613
Bahrain dinar	0.5725-0.5845
Brazil real*	1.4778-1.4819
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6910-0.7010
Finland markka	6.5000-6.6160
Greece drachma	359.25-366.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.8593-11.8663
India rupee	53.01-53.97
Indonesia rupiah	3473.00-3541.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4555-0.4655
Malaysia ringgit	3.8872-3.8913
New Zealand dollar	2.3476-2.3510
Pakistan rupee	52.32 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5250-5.6490
Singapore dollar	2.1597-2.1626
S Africa rand (com)	5.5720-5.6740
U A E dirham	5.5750-5.6990

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,700	Legal & Gn	960
ASDA Gp	5,100	Lloyds Bk	1,500
Abbey Ntl	3,600	London Elect	568
Allied Dom	1,100	Marks Spr	4,400
Argyll Gp	3,300	Mid Elec	244
Arjo Wggns	10,000	NatWst Bk	1,400
AB Foods	96	Nat Power	693
BAA	2,000	NW Water	210
BAT Inds	8,100	P & O	1,300
BOC	1,600	Pearson	538
BP	9,700	PowerGen	911
BSkyB	10,000	Prudential	2,300
BTR	9,600	REXAM	608
BT	7,700	RMC	76
Bk of Scot	1,100	RTZ	930
Barclays	2,900	Rank Org	2,100
Bass	1,700	Reckitt Col	210
Blue Circle	1,200	Redland	4,100
Boots	1,300	Reed Intl	1,600
BAe	2,400	Rentokil	1,400
BA	1,800	Reuters	3,400
Brit Gas	12,000	Rolls Royce	4,300
Brit Steel	7,600	Royal Ins	1,600
Burmah Cstl	360	Ryl Bk Scot	9,100
Cable Wire	2,400	Sainsbury	1,400
Cadbury	613	Schroders	31
Carlton Cms	363	Scot & New	418
Cm Union	1,300	Scot Power	543
Cookson	1,800	Sears	8,900
Courtaulds	317	Svrn Trent	435
De La Rue	2,100	Shell Trans	2,600
Enterpr Oil	1,900	Siebe	1,100
Forte	2,700	SmKl Bch	1,500
GKN	1,100	Smith Nph	2,300
GRE	4,800	Sthern Elec	1,300
GUS	2,200	Std Chartd	5,600
Gen Acc	822	Sun Allnce	1,800
Gen Elec	7,000	TI Gp	521
Glaxo Well	1,500	TSB	3,100
Granada	430	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Grand Met	7,800	Tesco	2,000
Guinness	4,800	Thames W	169
HSBC	3,100	Thrn EMI	2,000
Hanson	26,000	Tomkins	1,500
ICI	411	Unilever	1,700
Inchcape	1,800	Vodafone	23,000
Kingfisher	1,500	Whitbread	328
LASMO	227	Wllms Hld	703
Ladbroke	23,000	Wolseley	1,200
Land Secs	566	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	Nov 30 midday	Nov 29 close
AMP Inc	39⅜	39¾
AMR Corp	76¼	75½
AT & T	65⅞	66¼
Abbott Labs	40⅞	47¼
Advanced Micro	20⅞	21½
Aetna Life	72½	72
Ahmanson (HF)	26½	26¼
Air Prod & Chem	56	55¾
AirTouch Comm	29¼	28⅞
Alberto-Culver B	31½	32
Albertson's	30⅞	31½
Alcan Aluminm	33¼	33⅞
Alco Standard	42¾	44
Allied Signal	46½	46½
Alum Co of Am	58½	58¾
Amax Gold Inc	6⅞	6¾
Amerada Hess	47¾	48¼
Amer Brands	42⅞	43½
Amer El Power	37¼	37¾
Amer Express	43	43½
Amer Genl Corp	34¼	34¾
Amer Home Pr	90⅞	90⅞
Amer Intl	88¾	88⅞
Amer Stores	26⅛	26⅛
Ameritech	55⅞	55⅞
Amoco	67¾	68
Anheuser-Busch	67⅞	67⅞
Apple Computer	38⅞	39⅞
Archer Daniels	17⅜	17½
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrng Wrld	57⅞	59⅞
Asarco	35¼	35
Ashland Oil	34¼	34¾
Atl Richfield	109⅞	109⅞
Auto Data Pro	79	77⅞
Avery Dennison	46⅞	47¼
Avon Products	72¾	72¾
Baker Hughes	20⅞	20⅞
Baltim Gas & El	27	26¾
Banc One	38¼	38¾
BankAmerica	64¼	64¼
Bank of NY	47½	46¼
Bankers Tr NY	66¼	65¾
Barnett Banks	60¾	60⅞
Bausch & Lomb	36⅞	36
Baxter Intl	42	41¾
Bectn Dicknsn	69⅞	69⅞
Bell Atlantic	63⅞	64⅞
Bell Industries	22⅞	22¾
BellSouth	39⅞	39¾
Black & Decker	37¾	37½
Block (H&R)	44⅞	44⅞
Boeing	72¾	73⅞
Boise Cascade	36½	36½
Bristol Myrs Sq	79⅞	79½
Browning Ferris	30	30
Brunswick	21½	21½
Burlington Nthn	80⅛	80½
CNA Financial	116	115½
CPC Intl	68¼	66¼
CSX	87¾	99
Campbell Soup	56	55¾
Can Pacific	18⅛	18½
Cptl Cities ABC	123⅞	124½
Carolina Pwr	33	33¼
Caterpillar	61⅛	62
Central & SW	26⅞	27¼
Champion Intl	47⅞	47
Chase Manhat	61¼	60⅞
Chemical Bk	60¾	59¾
Chevron Corp	49⅝	49½
Chrysler	51¼	52½
Chubb Corp	96⅞	97¼
Cigna Corp	110	110¼
Citicorp	69⅞	68⅞
Clorox	75	75
Coastal Corp	33½	33¾
Coca Cola	75⅞	75½
Colgate-Palmolive	74	72¾
Columbia Gas	43¾	42¾
Compaq Comp	50	49
Comp Ass Intl	64½	62½
Conagra	40	39⅞
Conrail	69⅞	73½
Cons Edison	29⅞	29¾
Cons Nat Gas	44¾	44¾
Cooper Inds	36	35¾
Corestates	38¾	38¾
Corning Inc	30⅞	30⅞
Crown Cork	42¾	42⅞
Dana Corp	29	28⅞
Dayton Hudson	71½	72½
Deere	32¾	31½
Delta Air Lines	77⅜	76¾
Deluxe Corp	27⅞	27¾
Detroit Edison	32⅞	33¼
Digital Equip	59⅞	59⅞
Dillard Dept St	29⅞	29¾
Disney (Walt)	60⅞	61½
Dominion Res	39⅜	39¾
Donnelley (RR)	38⅞	38⅞
Dover Corp	39⅞	39¾
Dow Chemical	71¼	71½
Dow Jones	38⅞	38⅝
Dresser	23½	23⅞
Duke Power	45⅞	45¼
Dun & Brdstreet	62⅞	63
Du Pont	67	67¼
Eastman Kodak	68⅞	69¼
Eaton Corp	54½	55
Emerson Elec	77⅛	77½
Engelhard Corp	23¼	23¼
Enron Corp	37½	37⅞
Entergy	27⅝	28
Ethyl Corp	12½	12½
Exxon	78⅞	78⅞
FMC Corp	74¼	75
FPL Group	43⅞	43¼
Federal Express	76½	75¼
Fed Nat Mtge	109¾	108⅞
First Chicago	70⅞	69¾
First Interstate	135⅞	136⅞
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Fnl Grp	41½	40¾
Fluor Corp	64¼	64½
Ford Motor	28⅞	28¾
GTE Corp	43½	43¾
Gannett	59⅞	61½
Gap Inc Del	45⅞	48½
Gen Dynamics	59⅞	60⅞
Gen Electric	67⅞	67⅞
Gen Mills	55⅞	55½
Gen Motors	49⅞	49¾
Gen Reinsurance	149⅞	150½
Gen Signal	32	32½
Genuine Parts	40⅞	40
Georgia Pac	77⅞	78
Gillette	52⅞	52¾
Glaxo Welle ADR	26¼	26⅞
Goodrich (BF)	70⅞	70⅞
Goodyear Tire	42⅞	41½
Grace (W&R)	60⅞	61¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21¼	21½
Great Wstn Fin	25½	25½
Halliburton	43½	43½
Harcourt General	40⅞	40¾
Heinz (HJ)	31½	31½
Hercules	55¼	54½
Hershey Foods	61¼	61¼
Hewlett Packard	84¼	84⅞
Hilton Hotels	64⅞	65¼
Home Depot	44¼	44⅞
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	48¼	46¼
Household Ind	63½	61½
Houston Inds	45¾	46¼
Humana	26¼	25½
ITT Corp	122½	122½
Illinois Tool	63½	63¾
Illinova	28¾	28½
INCO	36	36½
Ingersoll Rand	37½	38⅞
Inland Steel	26½	27¾
Intel Corp	62⅞	63
IBM	97½	97½
Intl Flav & Fr	51½	52½
Intl Paper	38⅞	38
James River Va	31⅞	31½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	85½	86
Kellogg	76½	77½
Kerr-McGee	57⅞	58
Kimberly-Clark	76⅞	76½
Kmart	7⅛	7⅞
Knight-Ridder	64½	65½
Lilly (Eli)	99⅞	99¾
Limited Inc	17⅞	17¾
Lincoln Nat	46¼	47
Litton	45	45½
Liz Claiborne	29¾	29¾
Lockheed Martin	73⅞	73⅞
Louisiana Pac	25¾	26¼
MCI Comm	26½	27½
Marriott Int	37½	38½
Marsh & McLnn	87½	86½
Masco Corp	30	30⅞
May Dept St	43½	44
Maytag Corp	20⅞	20½
McDonalds	44⅞	44½
McDonnell D	90⅝	90⅝
McGraw Hill	84¾	84⅞
Mead Corp	56¼	56⅞
Medtronic	54¾	54¾
Mellon Bk	54½	54½
Melville Corp	30¼	30
Merck Inc	61½	60⅞
Merrill Lynch	55¼	55⅞
Microsoft	88½	89¾
Minnesota Mine	65⅞	65⅞
Mobil Corp	104¾	104½
Monsanto	118⅞	118½
Morgan (JP)	79½	79⅞
Motorola Inc	61½	61½
Natl Semi	23	22⅞
Natl Service Ind	32½	32½
Navistar Int	11	11
NBD Bancorp	38⅞	38⅞
NY Times A	29⅛	29⅞
Newmont Mng	41	41½
Niag Mohawk	9¾	10
Nike B	58	58⅞
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	7½	7⅞
Nordstrom	39⅞	39½
Norfolk Sthn	77¾	78½
Nthn State Pwr	47½	47⅞
Norwest Corp	32½	32
Nynex Corp	50⅞	50⅞
Occidental Pet	22	22½
Ohio Edison	22½	22½
Oracle	46¼	46¾
Oryx Energy Co	13½	13
Owens Corning	44½	44½
PPG Industries	45	45⅞
PNC Bank	29⅞	29⅞
PP&L Res	24⅞	24⅞
Paccar Inc	44¼	44¾
Pacificorp	19⅞	19⅞
Pac Enterprises	27	27⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	27½	27½
Pac Telesis	30½	30¼
Pall Corp	26⅞	26½
Panhandle East	27⅞	27¾
Peco Energy	29⅞	29⅞
Penney (JC)	47⅞	47¼
Pennzoil	39⅞	39⅞
Pepsico	55⅞	54½
Pfizer	58⅞	58
Pharm & Upjhn	35¼	35½
Phelps Dodge	68½	67
Philip Morris	88½	89
Phillips Pet	33¼	33½
Pitney Bowes	44½	44⅞
Polaroid	46¼	46½
PriceCostco	16 11/16	16½
Procter & Gmbl	86½	86½
Providian	40	40
Pub Serv E & G	29¾	29⅞
Quaker Oats	34⅞	34¼
Ralston Purina	64½	63¼
Raychem Corp	52¼	52⅞
Raytheon	44½	45
Reebok Intl	26½	28¼
Reynolds Metals	58⅞	57¾
Roadway Srvs	50⅞	50⅞
Rockwell Intl	49⅞	48¼
Rohm & Haas	60	60¼
Royal Dutch	128⅞	129⅞
Rubbermaid	27½	27¾
SBC Comms	54½	54½
Safeco Corp	71½	71
St Paul's Cos	56½	56½
Salomon Inc	36½	36½
Sara Lee Corp	32	32½
Seecorp	15⅞	15¾
Schering Plough	57½	57½
Schlumberger	63⅞	64½
Scott Paper	56¼	56⅞
Seagram	36½	37⅞
Sears Roebuck	40	40¼
Shell Trans	74¼	75
Sherwin Wlms	39⅞	40½
Skyline Corp	18⅛	18⅞
Snap-On-Tools	44¼	44½
Southern Co	23½	23¾
Sprint Corp	40⅞	40½
Stanley Works	50⅞	50¾
Sun Company	27⅞	29
Sun Microsys	84½	84¼
Suntrust	68	68⅞
Supervalu	32⅞	32½
Sysco Corp	30⅞	30⅞
TRW Inc	74½	74½
TCC Inds	2⅞	2½
Tandem Comp	12⅞	12⅞
Tandy Corp	47¾	48
Teledyne	24½	24½
Temple Inland	45⅞	45½
Tenneco	47½	47¾
Texaco	73½	73⅞
Texas Inst	58¾	59½
Texas Utilities	38⅞	38¾
Textron	76⅞	76
Time Warner	40⅞	40½
Times-Mirror A	32½	32⅞
Timken	40½	41
Torchmark	42½	42½
Toys R Us	23⅞	23⅞
Transamerica	76⅞	76⅞
Travelers	59	58⅞
Tribune	64½	67¼
Tyco Labs	32⅞	32½
UST Inc	32½	32⅞
UAL	209⅞	208½
US Inds	15½	15½
USX Marathon	18⅞	18½
Unicom	32	32⅞
Unilever NV	132⅞	130
Union Camp	49⅞	50
Union Carbide	40⅞	40¾
Union Pacific	68½	67⅞
Unisys Corp	6⅞	6½
USAir Group	13½	13
USF&G Corp	17⅞	17¾
US Life	29⅞	29⅞
United Tech	93½	93⅞
Unocal Corp	28⅞	27⅞
VF Corp	51¼	51¾
WMX Tech	29½	29⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24⅞
Warner-Lambert	90	89⅞
Wells Fargo	212½	213½
Westinghouse El	17	17⅞
Weyerhaeuser	44⅞	44⅞
Whirlpool	55½	55¾
Whitman	21½	22
Winn Dixie	65½	65½
Woolworth	14½	15⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46¼	46
Xerox	136¾	137
Yellow Corp	12	12¾

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A summons is expected to be issued against Terry Venables who denies any wrongdoing and intends to contest any application to disqualify him as a company director

Venables faces penalty threat as DTI cries foul in the boardroom

Jon Ashworth analyses what could be a tough fixture for the man at the helm of England's national football team

Terry Venables is hardly the first to fight the Department of Trade and Industry in its efforts to disqualify him from serving as a company director. John Gunn, former chairman of British & Commonwealth, is currently resisting just such an attempt; as is Sir Edward du Cann, one-time chairman of the Conservative Party. Tony Berry, former chairman and chief executive of Blue Arrow, emerged unscathed after a two-year struggle, when the DTI decided not to continue with its proceedings. It is a well-trodden path.

But the DTI's new-found zeal in its efforts to clean up UK boardrooms does not bode well for Mr Venables. He faces a tougher fight than someone in his position might have done a few years ago. Some 161 company directors were disqualified in the three months to September 30, compared with 53 in the same period last year. Proceedings were launched against 258 directors in the third quarter, compared with 146 in the same period in 1994. Almost 5,000 directors have been disqualified since the Company Directors Disqualification Act came into effect nine years ago.

Mr Venables, enjoying a high profile as England football team coach, faces proceedings in relation to four companies — Scribes West, Edennote, Tottenham Hotspur plc, and Tottenham Hotspur Football and Athletic Company. The DTI has concluded that there are no grounds for criminal proceedings against him, but intends to press for his disqualification. A summons is expected to be issued next week. Mr Venables denies any wrongdoing, and intends to contest the proceedings. He faces a ban of between two and 15 years, if the DTI's application succeeds.

Those on the receiving end of a criminal trial have had little say in the matter. Roger Levitt, the failed financial adviser, was disqualified from serving as a director for seven years, after admitting to a minor charge of misleading City regulators. His company collapsed in December 1990 with debts of £34 million. The judge, sentencing him to a token 180 hours community service, imposed the ban with the intention, the court heard, of protecting the public "for a very long time". He is now banned for life from the financial services industry.

A similar fate awaited Wallace Duncan Smith, the disgraced merchant banker, who was jailed for six years at the Old Bailey in March 1994 after running up losses of £100 million. He was disqualified as a director for 12 years after being found guilty of fraudulent trading and of obtaining property by deception.

Robert Miller, former head of Dunsdale Securities, was barred from serving as a company director for ten years, after his trial in June 1991. He had pleaded guilty to 19 charges, including forgery and deception, and was jailed for six years.

Peter Clowes is one of only 24 people to have been barred for the maximum 15 years. He was jailed for ten years in February 1992 for his part in the Barlow Clowes collapse.

The severity of the sentences is related to the fact that criminal proceedings were brought in the cases above. Mr Venables faces no criminal proceedings.

The importance with which the courts regard disqualification orders was underlined in May 1994, when Nazmudin Virani, former head of Control Securities, was jailed for two-and-a-half years for hoodwinking auditors. The judge declined to disqualify him, saying this would give him a chance to rebuild his career on his release. Mr Virani was released in August, and has so far kept a low profile.

Disqualification proceedings were initiated in August 1991 against Sir Edward du Cann, former chairman of Lonrho, and former chairman of the Conservative Party. Sir Edward was deputy chairman of Homes Assured, the mortgage broker which collapsed in 1989 with debts of nearly £10 million, and was criticised in an earlier DTI report into Keyser Ullman, the merchant bank.

Sir Edward announced in June that he was taking the DTI to the European Commission of Human Rights, claiming that its actions had destroyed his reputation and forced him into bankruptcy. He was forced to resign his Lonrho chairmanship, fell heavily into debt, and was declared bankrupt in 1993.

Gerald James, the former merchant banker at the centre of the Jonathan Aitken arms-to-Iran row, is among those fighting disqualification proceedings. He and five other directors of the collapsed Astra group of companies face bans of between two and 15 years. Proceedings were launched in the summer of 1993.

Disqualifications are not always automatic. The DTI decided not to disqualify the Fayed brothers, in spite of publishing a scathing report into their conduct during the £615 million takeover battle for House of Fraser in 1985. The DTI report said the Fayeds repeatedly lied about their family background and early business life to gain credibility during the bid.

Tiny Rowland, the Fayeds' adversary in the fight for Harrods, was branded "the unacceptable face of capitalism" in 1973 by Edward Heath, who was then Prime Minister. Mr Rowland was acceptable enough, however, to survive a long career without falling foul of Department of Trade investigators.

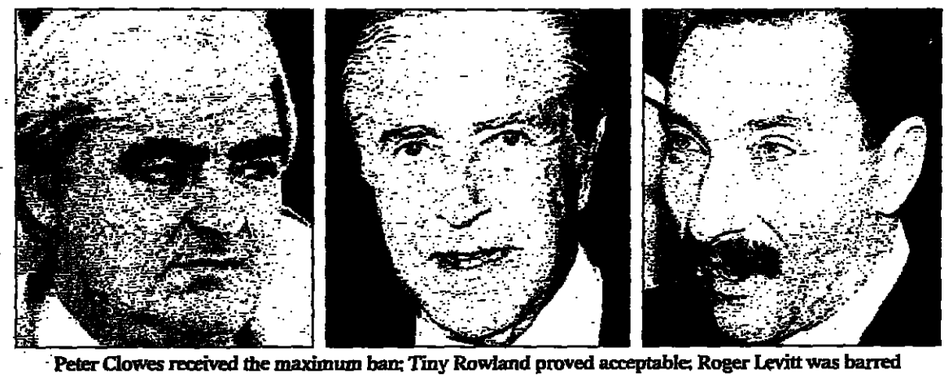
A hardening of attitude by the DTI follows criticism that it has not been doing enough to weed out rogue directors. It emerged last year that one in four company directors had been involved with a failed company in the previous six years. A year earlier, a National Audit Office report suggested that rogue directors were seven times likelier to escape detection than in the late 1980s.

The message seems to have sunk in. As recently as August, Phillip Oppenheim, the Company Affairs Minister, promised further tough action against errant directors. He said: "In the modern markets, there is no room for 'Arfur Daleys' trying to pull a fast one at the expense of their customers or other businesses." The latest batch of disqualifications highlights directors drawing excess remuneration, diverting company funds, and failing to file accounts.

As the spotlight swings on to Mr Venables, he might care to share a few words with that veteran of DTI combat, Tony Berry. His moment of triumph came in October 1994, when the DTI announced that it had abandoned its two-year campaign to have him disqualified.

The DTI simply said that it had decided not to proceed on the advice of legal counsel. A furious Mr Berry claimed the fight to clear his name had cost him £1.1 million in legal fees. He had submitted 400 pages of submissions, sworn an affidavit running to 141 pages, and had a further 46 affidavits submitted on his behalf.

Mr Venables, no doubt, can look forward to more of the same.



Peter Clowes received the maximum ban; Tiny Rowland proved acceptable; Roger Levitt was barred

Money supply fears will not block cuts in interest rates

Janet Bush on why M4 is not pointing to higher inflation

Monetarism has long been pronounced dead in its pure form but the fact remains that strong growth in M4 money supply is bring touted as the single big spanner in the works for a Chancellor who is itching to cut interest rates.

M4 growth was mentioned as a key concern by Eddie George at his late September monetary meeting with Kenneth Clarke and the Chancellor dutifully shared his worry, though not with any great passion.

But in reality, a growing balance of opinion in the Bank says there are enough common-sense reasons to suggest that M4 — and indeed M0, which has also been growing rapidly — are not signalling a build up of inflationary pressures. The monetary aggregates are not a serious hurdle to lower interest rates.

For the uninitiated, M0 is notes and coins in circulation and bankers' balances while M4 is private sector holdings of notes and coins (excluding banks and building societies) and bank and building society deposits. There is sufficient doubt about the current relationship between the monetary aggregates and future inflation, particularly relating to the behaviour of consumers, for the subject to be highlighted in the Bank's most recent *Inflation Report*. Let us take M4 first. The latest figures show M4 rose 0.7 per cent in October, taking its annual rate of growth to 8.7 per cent from 8.2 per cent in September. This is within a whisker of the top of its Government monitoring range of 3 to 9 per cent.



One reason why M4 has grown rapidly since the turn of the year is that the Government has tended to underfund the public sector borrowing requirement and this boosts broad money. But the Government is committed to funding the PSBR fully and this effect should iron itself out over time.

But there is another, more important, phenomenon at work. Nearly half of the £38.7 billion rise in M4 between December and September came from a build-up of deposits of individuals in bank and building society accounts. The Bank points to a series of reasons, including the fact that rates are currently more attractive than other forms of saving such as unit trusts and National Savings. Another reason may be that lenders have tightened up their criteria for mortgage lending, forcing prospective home owners to offer up larger deposits.

It also seems likely there is a significant impact from the current wave of bank and building society mergers — and the hope of more to come. Of the £7.6 billion rise in individuals' deposits in the third quarter, perhaps £1.8 billion came from the bonusses paid to Cheltenham & Gloucester depositors. It is difficult to measure, but the Bank also believes people may have been switching funds from other savings to building society accounts in anticipation of mergers to come. The more on deposit, the bigger the bonus, people think.

Even more tantalising, however, is the Bank's suggestion that people are saving more because they are frightened about the future. Given the uncertainty over employment prospects, it suggests that households may have increased their precautionary savings and this is showing up in the large build-up in bank and building society deposits.

The Bank's analysis of M0 throws up an even more fascinating possibility that turns the old relationship between narrow money and inflation on its head. It is a delicious irony that the Bank thinks M0 may be growing strongly precisely because people are becoming accustomed to, and are beginning to believe in, a low-inflation environment. One possible reason for M0's fast growth is that people are more willing to hold cash because inflation is low. They therefore do not need to seek compensation for this by putting their money into interest-bearing accounts. In the days of 10 or 15 per cent inflation, holding cash for any length of time was just too expensive. Now, the cost is negligible.

Bank officials have long worried that interest-rate policy may prove to have been too lax, arguing that inflationary expectations are still too high because credibility in monetary policy remains only partial. Perversely, the M0 figures that still worry the City's inflation hawks, may be telling us that they are already lower, at least among ordinary people if not the financial markets, than the Bank dares to believe.

Naturally, the Bank is still worried. Economics is an art, not a science, and particularly difficult to analyse when psychology and behavioural change among individuals is a big factor. So, Mr George may continue to use M4 as an excuse not to cut interest rates despite all the evidence showing that the economy has faltered badly since the spring.

But even his own troops are not at all convinced about the argument.

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Over here or over there?

GRAND METROPOLITAN may be an increasingly transatlantic corporation, but at least one board member was seriously disconcerted by the Clinton visit to these shores this week. GrandMet was presenting figures to the City yesterday, and Gerald Corbett, its amiable finance director, was alarmed to hear on his bedside radio at 6am of "serious traffic congestion in London ...." Although the gazelle is not the first animal that comes to mind on viewing the Corbett frame, its owner did a good impersonation and sprang nimbly from bed at once to ensure a speedy arrival in the Square Mile. Once shaved, showered and dressed, he learnt again from the next traffic bulletin of serious traffic problems — in Londonderry.

Bond market

WORKERS in the City who feel wedded to the job may in future be able to get married in the Square Mile as well. Moves are being made to approve premises for marriage in the City of London. An application is going to be made to Parliament in the present session to enable approval by the Corporation of London of "premises within the City of London", including Temples, for the solemnisation of civil marriages. The operation is being masterminded for the City Corporation by the City Remembrancer, who is based at the Guildhall, and by Sherwood & Company.

Rom reader

CHARLTON HESTON, the veteran actor who once played Moses, is still leading people to the Promised Land — only this time it is in cyberspace. Hollywood unveiled yesterday the first CD-Rom to star a celebrity. *Charlton Heston's voyage through the Bible* tells the stories of the Creation, Cain and Abel and the Exodus to the background of biblical music and art. Heston was proud of his achievement: "It's refreshing, like being in the first talking picture or first colour movie."

Moonshine

PHILLIPS auction house in Manhattan has been forced to change its description of what it says is a moon rock — after a complaint from an astronaut. Nasa is so sure that the rock up for sale is not from the moon that it is not even bothering to test a sample. "We know where all our moon rocks are," says Nasa dismissively.

Female first

ANOTHER breakthrough for women in business. Elizabeth Robson, 47, who runs a family building firm in Northumberland with her cousin Derek, was yesterday declared "Masterbuilder of the Year" by the Federation of Master Builders. Yesterday she said: "It's still a male-dominated industry but there are more women breaking through. I think the Federation of Master Builders is realising the advantages of having women involved."

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LIG puts figures back on track

BY MARTIN BARROW

LONDON International Group (LIG), the rubber products company that owns the Durex brand, has resumed interim dividend payments after restoring growth in profits following an extended period of restructuring and rationalisation.

The company is recommending a dividend of 0.5p a share for the six months to September 30, when pre-tax profits rose to £6.5 million from £1 million. At the operating level, before exceptional items, profits advanced to £9.3 million from £4.6 million.

Michael Moore, chairman, said: "The group's encouraging performance continues and the payment of an interim dividend has been restored. We are on track to meet our goals and budgets for the year, our second half being traditionally a stronger trading period for the group."

Margins improved to 6.7 per cent from 4.8 per cent, with total group sales rising 7.3 per cent to £139.5 million. At the same time, borrowings were clipped back to £43.6 million from £72.4 million, with £17.6 million raised from brand disposals. Further disposals are likely, with buyers sought for Cook Bates, the American manicure implements business, and Plantur, the hair care range sold primarily in Germany.

LIG's family planning division, comprising condoms, increased sales to £49.3 million from £45.3 million, with underlying growth of 10.9 per cent. Sales in America rose 25.7 per cent, helped by heavy advertising, and in southern Europe by 16.7 per cent.

Earnings per share recovered to 1.43p from 0.32p. The interim dividend will be paid February 28.

PETER TRIEVNOR



The shake-up at LIG has seen a return to interim dividend under Nick Hodges, chief executive

Johnson Matthey shares tumble on interim result

BY MARTIN BARROW

SHARES in Johnson Matthey fell more than 7 per cent after the high technology precious metals company disclosed a sharp downturn in profits in the catalytic systems division in the first half.

The company said a 31 per cent drop in the division's profits, affected by the loss of a substantial contract with General Motors, restricted group pre-tax profits to £47 million, up from £45 million in the first half of the previous year.

The shares fell 38p to 533p yesterday amid concern about the continued adverse impact of the division's problems on second-half earnings. There was also disappointment at the lower than expected increase in the interim dividend to 4.4p a share, from 4.2p.

David Davies, chairman, said that, in addition to the loss of the GM contract at the end of 1994, the division was affected by a decline in sales to two other North American customers, a generally flat market in Europe and pressure on margins.

In response, the company has implemented management changes and is undertaking a big reduction in manufacturing and operating costs. Said Mr Davies: "These actions strengthen the division, although it will take time for the benefits to show through.

"We believe that the continuing tightening of emissions legislation in more and more countries and the strength of our technology provide the base for a sound long-term future for our worldwide autocatalyst business."

The other three divisions lifted profits. Precious metals earned £21.9 million, compared with £18.5 million, and electronic materials improved to £10.4 million, from £8.2 million. Colour and print, including the Cookson Matthey joint venture, rose to £10.6 million, from £6.4 million.

Total turnover rose to £1.29 billion, from £1.136 billion, and operating profits increased to £51.1 million, from £47 million.

Net borrowings rose to £229.3 million, hoisting gearing to 71 per cent at the end of September, after the £106.4 million purchase of Advance Circuits Inc, in America. However, the proceeds of a £117.4 million rights issue in August to fund the acquisition were received in October, reducing gearing to 27 per cent.

Since the results, analysts have trimmed back their full-year forecasts to about £105.5 million before tax from their expected £113.5 million. In the year to March 31, 1995, Johnson Matthey earned £95.4 million.

Stagecoach steers profits 43% ahead

DISPOSAL profits and improved fortunes from its established businesses helped Stagecoach, Britain's largest bus company, to lift pre-tax profits 43 per cent to £20.7 million in the 24 weeks to October 14 (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The rise in profits was on the back of a 50 per cent rise in sales to £189.7 million. Disposal profits were £1 million. Acquisitions made during the six months contributed £1.2 million to sales and made a loss of £126,000.

Stagecoach is an acquisitive company that has been the subject of investigations by the competition authorities. In August, it was criticised in a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report for anti-competitive behaviour in seeking to drive small bus operators out of business.

Brian Souter, founder and chairman, said all the group's businesses lifted sales and profits, except Stagecoach South, which suffered from the exceptionally hot summer, delays in delivery of new vehicles and increased staff turnover.

The dividend, due on February 20, was lifted 27 per cent to 2.1p and is being paid out of earnings of 9.3p, up 27 per cent from last time. The news lifted shares 5p to a high of 283p.

Mall value writedown of $30m by MEPC

BY CARL MORTISHED

MEPC has written down the value of a Californian shopping mall damaged in the earthquake in January 1994 by $30 million.

The Northridge Fashion Center in Los Angeles was reopened in July after extensive redevelopment, but the company has yet to settle its claim with the insurers, having received $59 million so far.

James Tuckey, the chief executive of MEPC, said he was confident that the mall would recover the business lost during its closure.

The Northridge mall was excluded from MEPC's annual property revaluation at the end of September, which showed an overall 2.4 per cent decline in the group's £3.2 billion portfolio but a 1 per cent uplift from MEPC's American properties.

Mr Tuckey said that the fall of 2.6 per cent in UK property values was primarily down to an upward shift in yields.

The yield on present income rose to 8.5 per cent at the end of September, bringing to an end the declining trend from the peak portfolio yield of 10 per cent in 1992. The slide in property prices has cut MEPC's net assets per share from 473p to 457p.

Mr Tuckey said that the upward movement in market yields was down to the perception that rental growth was not coming through.

Profits rose 10 per cent to £123 million in the year to September 30, leaving earnings per share up from 20.1p to 21p. The company is maintaining the full-year dividend at 20p per share, but would not be drawn on the timing of any future increase.

Lord Blakenham, the chairman, said: "The current level will be at least sustainable in the future in the absence of unforeseen circumstances."

In October, MEPC announced the purchase of North American Property Unit Trust for £191 million, adding another two big malls to the American portfolio plus an interest in land in Manhattan.

At the same time, MEPC also revealed its intention to sell its European properties, which have a book value of £184 million.

BUSINESS

P&O forced to drop Australian deal

P&O, the British shipping and property group, was forced yesterday to abandon its planned acquisition of ANL, Australia's national shipping line, after the Australian Government failed to broker an agreement between the company and the country's powerful unions. The Maritime Union of Australia had threatened to mount a national waterfront strike if the sale went ahead without its consent.

The collapse of the deal is an embarrassment for the Government, which will be seen as bowing to union pressure. It had heralded the sale to P&O as its preferred option, but will be forced carry out a major restructuring of the shipping line. Richard Heim, managing director of P&O Australia, said yesterday: "We're disappointed but not surprised. The ball was very much in the Government's court to produce a package and they found that package difficult to produce." Last year, ANL made operating losses of A$23 million, and expects to make further losses of A$21 million this year.

Export guarantees fall

EXPORT credit guarantees issued by the Government's official agency fell from £4.1 billion to £3 billion in its last financial year, despite a 75 per cent increase in the number of projects supported. Brian Willott, chief executive of the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), which guarantees medium- and long-term export business, said the fall reflected a "dearth of large projects". However, he noted that two projects, one in the Phillipines and one in Vietnam, have been signed up in the year starting last April, which augured an increase in cover again in 1995-96.

Adscene acquires titles

ADSCENE, the local newspaper publisher, announced acquisitions with a total value of £29.4 million yesterday. The company, based in Canterbury, Kent, extended its range of titles from 46 to 81 by buying the Tamworth Herald Group of local papers in the Midlands and a set of papers from EMAP in Kent. Adscene is spending £19.5 million in the Midlands. It is also buying 13 titles from EMAP for £9.9 million in a move to complement its existing titles. Adscene is funding the acquisitions through a £24.7 million share issue and £6 million from the bank.

ASW losses forecast

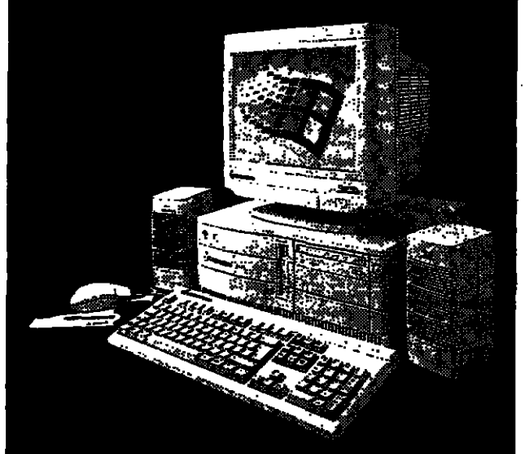
SHARES in ASW Holdings fell 23p to 110p yesterday after the steel stockholding company said it expected to incur a small loss before tax and an £18.7 million exceptional credit in the financial year to the end of December. The forecast followed a deterioration in business conditions in recent weeks. Since October, margins on sales had fallen further to historically low levels. These margins are now 10 per cent on sales below the average margin for January 1991 to June 1995. An improvement in margins and the end of destocking will lead to an improvement in profitability in 1996.

BEP confident

BRISTOL Evening Post, the regional newspaper publisher, is confident its strong performance will continue into the second half despite the impact of higher newsprint costs. Newsprint prices in the six months to the end of September rose by 28 per cent, although Stanley Clarke, chairman, said the group had tightened up controls over purchasing, stock levels and waste. Pre-tax profits dipped to £4.49 million from £4.78 million in the first half. The interim dividend rises 0.5p to 5p a share on earnings of 12.28p (11.37p). Profits from its retailing business increased by £100,000 to £500,000.

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Japan	120.70	128.10	+0.90	...
Multinational	151.90	162.50	+0.40	1.45
US Emerging Cos	177.10	188.40	+1.90	..
Ethical	74.59	78.35	+0.27	2.47
International	125.10	133.10	+0.60	0.61
Dividend & Growth	66.25	70.48	-0.04	3.98
Global Gwth & Sec	70.37	75.10	+0.10	2.69
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1961.00	2026.00	-5.00	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	54.54	57.05†	+0.30	0.54
Cash	50.57	50.57	+0.01	5.78
Emerging Mkts	63.87	67.70	+0.80	0.05
European	130.10	135.38	-0.70	..
Exempt	1029.70	1099.70†	+1.30	1.59
Extra Income #	49.82	52.40	-0.03	6.49
Far East Emg Ecn	116.20	122.00	-0.20	0.51
Fixed Interest #	23.50	24.44†	...	9.61
Fund Inv Tst	164.90	173.20†	...	8.98
Japan	182.60	189.90	+1.30	..
Latin American	47.70	50.08	+1.65	0.97
Pacific	78.61	82.54	+0.05	0.32
Property Share	62.18	65.28	+0.32	2.69
UK Emerging Cos	69.31	73.28	...	1.59
UK Growth	48.99	51.87†	-0.13	2.26
Aber World Port #	77.75	79.25†	-0.07	2.07
Ethical	73.08	78.00	+0.06	2.32
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	51.26	51.26	+0.05	7.32
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	96.04	102.17†	+0.72	..
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5868				
Resdt Property	97.50	104.00	...	5.28
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	82.43	87.46	+0.31	2.34
Income Builder Inc	76.50	81.38	-0.26	2.67
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	258.10	275.90	-0.50	2.63
Capital	457.00	488.50	-0.50	1.89
Balanced	762.40	815.00	+0.30	2.44
Accumulator	1436.00	1535.00†	...	2.64
Income Trusts				
American Income	56.71	60.62	+0.29	2.94
High Income	424.30	453.50	-0.90	3.40
Equity Income	238.90	255.30	-0.40	3.26
High Yield	257.50	275.30†	-0.20	3.16
Govt Securities	34.40	36.71†	...	5.84
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	187.90	200.60	+1.30	0.35
European Growth	42.97	45.76	-0.06	0.01
International	176.20	188.30	+1.20	0.18
Japan	195.90	208.70	+2.40	0.01
Pacific	389.70	416.50	+3.90	0.01
Secs of America	533.60	568.80†	+4.00	0.41
Wwide Asset Val	52.36	55.97	+0.37	0.21
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	570.90	610.20†	-1.60	2.69
Cons & Gilt	44.54	47.61	-0.09	4.67
Smaller Cos	189.00	202.00†	-0.10	1.10
2nd Smaller Cos	179.00	191.30	...	1.27
Recovery	150.30	160.60†	-0.70	1.63
Met Min & Cdy	170.00	181.70†	-0.30	0.85
Cosea Earnings	382.70	409.10	-0.90	1.65
Technology	218.20	233.20†	+3.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	522.50	558.50†	+0.30	1.55
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cmrcial Cwl Pens	109.00	113.20	...	3.04
Formula Pens Penc	86.09	88.66	+1.21	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	77.04	81.96	-0.41	1.77
International	67.33	71.63	...	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	291.30	313.10	+1.90	...
Bond	120.00	126.20†	+0.30	6.62
Brit Smlr Cos	110.80	117.90	...	1.69
Conv & Gen #	68.74	73.13	-0.05	5.31
Europe	235.70	250.60†	-1.30	0.62
Euro Smlr Cos	106.50	113.40†	-0.60	0.52
Income Gwth	375.20	399.20	-2.30	3.82
Japan	319.60	340.50	+2.50	...
Latin American	68.46	72.83	+2.07	...
Pacific	105.50	112.20	+0.80	1.25
UK Smlr Cos	58.45	62.18	-0.01	1.29
Japan Fd	667.20	686.20	+4.50	..
Magd Fd	190.30	202.10†	-0.20	2.85
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	333.20	359.80	...	0.62
Capital Gwth	120.40	126.80	...	2.59
Wwide Opps	203.90	214.70	...	0.95
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Blue Inv Fd Inc	386.60	404.60†	+1.40	2.56
European Bd Inc	95.84	99.24	-0.03	6.86
Exempt	77.59	82.78†	...	4.05
Financial	92.95	98.80†	+0.41	2.45
500	479.10	509.20	+0.50	3.62
General	297.50	318.50	+0.90	2.56
Property	236.50	253.70†	...	6.51
Trustee	209.70	223.70	+0.40	2.24
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70	...	6.03
Extra Income #	127.60	136.50†	...	4.92
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.45	60.41†	+0.07	8.23
Income	567.20	606.60	+1.30	3.78
Income Builder #	66.98	71.44	+0.13	5.48
Inls Income	68.24	72.60	+0.08	3.19
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	132.20	141.00	+0.40	2.22
Leisure	149.80	160.20	+0.40	1.10
Recovery	446.40	477.40	+1.10	2.78
Smlr Cos Inc	48.22	51.89	-0.05	2.15
Special Sits	337.70	361.20	+2.20	1.52
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	159.90	170.10†	+0.10	0.30
Aust Acc	265.50	283.70	-2.90	1.87
Aust Inc	162.00	173.10	-1.70	1.87
Euro Gwth Inc	167.50	177.80	-0.10	0.73
-do- Accum	180.90	192.00	-0.10	0.73
Japan & Gen Inc	162.00	171.60	+1.50	..
-do- Accum	163.90	173.50	+1.50	...
Japan Spec Sits	74.15	78.97	+0.76	...
Unv Tech Inc	91.61	97.69	+0.57	...
Worldwide	183.70	195.00	+0.80	0.63
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1804				
American Growth	116.10	122.90	+0.40	...
Asia Smlr Cos	152.40	162.70	+0.80	...
Convertibles	55.07	59.08	-0.01	5.70
Eastern	277.50	298.80	+1.90	0.30
Equity Income	89.15	94.52†	-0.12	4.10
European Growth	326.70	346.70	-3.60	0.80
Europe	274.00	290.80	...	0.60
European Growth	80.40	85.30	-0.32	0.50
Global Bond	69.22	72.94	+0.05	6.50
Global Growth	139.30	148.40†	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	201.30	214.20	+1.80	...
Japan Smaller	151.00	160.70	+0.30	...
Korea Trust	76.36	83.18	-1.60	...
Portfolio	138.20	147.00	+0.20	2.30
-do- Accum	257.40	275.50	+0.40	2.30
UK Growth	87.64	93.92	-0.13	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	83.47	91.20†	-0.08	2.50
Select Managers	81.21	86.99	+0.03	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	84.17	89.54	...	...
Special Opps Inc	57.58	61.26	...	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	126.08	133.42	+3.08	1.54
-do- Accum	144.26	152.65	+3.53	1.54
Smaller Cos	123.39	130.57†	+1.37	0.79
Higher Yield #	51.12	54.10	+0.44	4.30
American Gth Inc	86.45	91.48	+2.44	...
European Growth	150.90	159.68	+1.32	0.62
-do- Accum	153.87	162.83	+1.35	0.62
Global Bond Inc #	27.47	28.47†	+0.02	7.17
Magd Ptflio Inc	47.10	49.83	+0.67	1.46
-do- Accum	48.31	51.10	+0.69	1.46
Intl Spec Opps	135.42	143.30	+1.21	...
Pacific Gth	132.61	140.33	+3.53	0.38
UK General #	86.70	91.75	+1.50	3.17
-do- Accum #	90.31	95.56	+1.57	3.17
Japan	59.38	62.84	+0.92	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.74	104.39†	+0.15	8.59
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Stnd Dated Gilt	67.54	68.40	+0.16	8.20
CS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0181 837 5060				
Eastern	169.90	180.80	-0.50	1.72
UK Growth	190.40	202.60	-0.10	2.88
UK Income	141.90	151.09†	+0.10	4.28
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	215.60	228.70	-0.20	1.73
-do- Income Dist	116.00	123.00†	-0.10	4.07
-do- Accum	365.00	386.90	-0.50	4.07
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.89	44.41	-0.10	6.13
Growth Units	231.00	247.10	+0.70	2.82
Bond	177.80	186.40	+0.30	6.29
Intl Growth	231.80	246.30	+0.40	0.30
North American	239.70	245.70	+1.00	0.27
Far East	287.30	307.30	+1.40	1.09
UK Smaller Cos	194.20	207.70	-0.40	1.47
European	89.85	95.47	-0.60	0.68
Japanese Growth	47.27	50.19	+0.26	...
High Income	205.10	219.40	+0.10	3.99
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0181 831 7433 Enq 0181 831 7433 Dlg 0181 831 7455				
American & Gen	189.00	201.10	+1.70	...
European Inc	86.69	91.83	-0.80	1.01
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.88	97.75	+0.83	1.45
Growth	482.30	513.10	-1.30	1.74
Income & Growth #	441.10	469.30	-0.20	3.86
-do- Accum	642.40	683.50	-0.30	3.86
Japan & Gen	69.23	73.50	+0.87	...
Weller Portfolio	£110.75	£114.45†	-22.00	2.16
-do- Accum	£134.31	£138.80	-76.00	2.16
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	93.59	99.95	+0.33	2.59
American Portfolio	111.86	118.62	+0.72	0.95
European Portfolio	111.20	118.61	-0.05	0.49
High Income	51.87	51.59†	+0.01	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	66.90	71.15	+0.57	
Pacific Portfolio	142.87	153.63	+0.17	1.47
UK Inc & Growth	86.74	93.02	+0.60	3.04
Utility & Bond	57.80	58.48	-0.09	8.57
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	728.53	739.55	+3.75	4.30
Fxd In Sec	159.59	160.23	+2.21	8.98
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	721.60	732.50	+7.52	4.35
Investment Acc	831.78	832.26	+33.28	...
Fixed Int Inc	128.85	129.37	+1.27	8.69
Fixed Int Acc	214.43	215.29	+2.14	..
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.75	95.83†	...	3.10
Beck Bio-Tech	38.08	40.06	+2.76	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	161.86	169.97	...	0.79
City Fin Assets	74.58	78.29†	...	2.08
City Fin America	103.52	108.70	...	
City Fin Intl	86.72	91.06†	...	0.90
City Fin Japan	149.50	156.94	..	
Friars Hse Cap	288.30	308.75	...	2.36
Friars Hse Inc	193.50	208.72†	...	4.54
Buckley Wrld Gwth	134.82	143.01	..	
Fairmount Cap Gth	142.23	149.72†	+1.54	
Fairmount Intl	151.24	159.20†	+3.22	
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	56.48	59.31	-0.32	1.97
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	54.12	57.42	+0.11	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	75.90	81.18	+0.22	..
Dragon Growth	66.99	71.64	+0.26	1.00
Equity High Inc	87.71	94.00	-0.28	4.07
-do- Accum	121.76	130.52	-0.38	4.07
Extra Income Inc	26.73	28.16	+0.05	7.28
Extra Income Acc	27.82	29.30	+0.06	7.28
European Gwth	57.25	60.80	-0.52	1.15
Evergreen	28.42	30.38	+0.13	..
General Equity	94.43	100.19	-0.13	2.89
Japan Growth	50.67	54.15	+0.69	..
Pedigree Gwth	56.65	60.97	-0.08	2.80
Pedi Sm Cos Inc	33.03	35.14†	+0.03	1.57
-do- Accum	34.78	37.00	+0.03	1.57
Retirement Inc #	27.15	28.88	-0.11	5.82
Special Sits	42.69	45.41	-0.07	2.10
UK & Overseas	54.61	58.10	+0.08	0.78
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	75.18	78.17	-0.07	1.94
Balanced	65.49	68.11	-0.16	4.13
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	170.71	181.61	-0.53	4.82
Fixed & Convertible	40.87	43.48	-0.01	6.69
Monthly Inc Plus	48.48	52.64	+0.13	8.51
Preference Share	46.68	49.66	+0.08	7.85
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	129.36	137.62	-0.39	5.90
Managed Fund	73.14	77.81	-0.03	3.03
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.98	45.72	+0.13	1.78
-do- Accum	50.03	53.22	+0.16	1.78
UK & General	88.21	93.84	-0.10	2.72
-do- Accum	113.21	120.44	-0.12	2.72
UK Growth	165.11	175.65	-0.04	2.30
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	198.60	211.28	-2.03	0.11
Far Eastern Gth	129.91	138.28	+1.17	..
Global Bond	84.52	89.79	+0.11	5.89
Japan Growth	116.83	124.29	+1.33	..
North Amer Gth	209.86	223.26	+1.86	..
Oriental Growth	78.04	83.02	+0.50	0.06
Worldwide Growth	70.85	75.37	+0.19	0.11
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.18	92.18	+0.06	6.18
Homecenter Fund	86.62	92.15	+0.37	1.64
Dollar Fund	144.18	153.38	-0.21	1.98
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	33.16	35.49	+0.20	3.35
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 356				
Growth	169.80	180.69†	-0.50	1.79
Income	71.63	76.20	+0.32	5.74
European	65.52	69.70	-0.31	0.64
Recovery	167.80	178.50	-0.78	2.08
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 0404				
Equity Dist	882.60	895.60†	..	3.56
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	92.04	97.91	+0.23	1.53
Income #	264.20	281.00†	-0.60	4.26
-do- Accum #	677.60	720.80†	-1.40	4.26
Smaller Cos	195.20	207.60	+0.40	1.90
-do- Accum	240.20	255.50	+0.49	1.09
Inv Portfolio	89.88	95.59	+0.56	1.57
High Inc Port #	77.55	82.90	-0.21	4.32
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 416 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1592.30	1603.50†	+3.30	...
Japan Small Cos	1770.40	1193.80†	+49.60	..
UK Small Cos	1913.30	1892.90	-5.30	
US Small Cos	1926.10	1966.80†	+53.50	.
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	218.90	230.50	.	2.93
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	298.20	315.40	-1.90	0.67
New Asia	216.10	230.40	+1.70	0.25
Japan Growth	108.40	115.30	+1.10	..
Jap Smllr Co	440.00	465.70	+3.80	..
Nth Amer	347.20	367.20	+3.70	0.80
UK Inc & Gth	230.80	245.20†	-0.08	2.83
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	156.60	166.50	+0.30	1.61
UK High Inc Inc	164.00	174.40†	+0.10	4.13
-do- Accum	217.40	231.20†	+0.10	4.13
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.56	64.23	+0.14	4.86
Eastwest Opps	92.91	98.84	+0.21	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	60.54	64.40	-0.07	0.01
Eagl Income Inc	48.73	51.71	+0.08	7.80
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 525				
American	153.30	162.60†	+0.39	1.08
Convertibles #	21.59	22.94	-0.02	6.10
Equity Income #	136.10	144.60	-0.50	3.67
EuroFund	52.62	55.80	-0.26	0.36
Financial	49.88	52.96	+0.21	1.42
Growth & Inc #	265.20	281.60	-0.86	2.73
High Dist #	168.60	179.40†	-0.50	4.18
International	405.50	430.80	...	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	98.57	105.20	+0.10	2.61
Latin American	25.74	27.35	+1.09	..
Pacific	79.38	84.34	-0.06	..
Pref High Inc	21.95	23.92†	+0.02	7.66
Tokyo	224.20	238.00	+2.90	..
UK Smaller Cos	251.60	267.30	+0.10	1.03
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	98.68	105.10	..	1.57
Growth Acc	238.02	254.23	...	0.58
Income	583.03	619.51	...	5.23
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	216.20	230.09	+4.30	1.20
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	85.72	90.23	-0.35	1.99
Ethical Tst	46.10	48.53	+0.17	1.30
Far Eastern	297.64	313.30	+1.64	1.66
High Income	135.45	142.58†	-0.18	4.78
Intl Growth	123.67	130.18	+0.67	0.45
North American	135.40	142.53	+0.37	1.46
Pelican	129.55	136.37	+0.10	3.27
Smaller Cos	67.49	71.04	+0.08	2.98
Special Sits	88.17	92.81	-0.34	3.20
Tst of Inv Tsts	194.53	204.77	+0.35	1.27
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.18	209.74†	-0.14	1.34
Smaller Cos Acc	348.59	371.20†	-0.24	1.34
Recovery	49.42	52.57†	+0.02	1.53
Recovery Acc	50.56	53.82†	+0.02	1.53
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.28	94.67†	+0.08	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.89	51.12	+0.11	0.57
High Income #	41.12	44.07†	-0.04	10.43
Warrant	51.85	58.36	+0.10	..
Zero Preference	41.98	44.54	+0.08	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 787				
Family Asset Tst	82.17	87.41†	+0.490	3.25
Family Income Tst	45.34	45.34†	+0.030	6.57
Family Trust	90.60	96.38†	+0.170	2.32
United Charities	263.90	280.70†	+0.300	5.02
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	6.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.18	28.27†	+0.02	7.07
Intl Bond	30.38	31.51	+0.02	5.33
Income Funds				
High Income	25.51	26.81	-0.02	5.28
Income Plus	121.30	129.00	-0.39	4.10
Amer Eq Inc	57.07	68.49	+0.16	1.46
European Income	45.01	47.86	-0.31	2.40
Far East Inc	65.68	69.81†	+0.24	2.36
Global Convertible	24.52	26.04	-0.01	2.68
UK Div Gth	27.78	29.54	-0.04	2.19
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.68	64.09	-0.08	...
American	302.30	320.40†	+2.50	...
Amer Spec Sits	164.20	175.18	+1.70	...
Japan Smaller Cos	35.40	37.77	+0.21	..
European	196.70	209.20	-0.70	0.65
European Opps	69.94	74.28	-0.44	0.15
Global Priv	27.47	29.21	-0.18	0.77
UK Growth	106.50	113.30	+0.20	1.26
Growth & Inc	158.90	169.00	-0.30	2.77
Intl PEP	42.68	45.39	+0.04	1.07
Japan Spec Sits	87.02	92.55	+1.04	...
Japan	184.20	195.90	+1.98	..
Managed Intl	322.00	342.30	+1.10	0.44
Moneybuilder	59.52	63.29	+0.21	...
Recovery	50.16	53.36	-0.01	1.45
South E Asia	166.80	177.10	+1.50	1.10
Special Sits	598.00	635.80	+1.90	0.72
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	112.00	112.60	+0.02	6.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2709				
Balanced #	142.19	144.80	...	2.83
Inc Ptflio #	88.96	90.45†	-0.54	5.41
Cap Ptflio	153.20	155.66	+0.10	1.45
General Opps	133.18	134.70†	...	3.45
Growth Inc	32.89	34.60†	+0.03	1.35
Private Portfolio	452.10	460.90	...	1.85
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	123.40	131.20	-0.10	0.60
Emrg Asian	149.50	159.60	+0.20	...
High Income	21.26	22.69	-0.05	9.92
UK Growth	118.40	126.70	-0.10	2.43
UK Income	107.80	114.80†	-0.20	4.26
US Smaller Cos	369.90	385.38	+1.10	0.38
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.31	81.08	+0.02	4.19
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	73.29	78.70	+0.54	..
-do- Accum	73.29	78.10	+0.54	..
Amer Smlr Cos	617.60	660.50	+5.40	..
-do- Accum	630.90	674.80	+5.60	..
Capital Tst	336.00	357.30	-0.60	1.37
-do- Accum	488.00	519.00	-0.60	1.37
Conti Smlr Cos	57.33	61.09	-0.50	0.62
-do- Accum	60.50	64.47	-0.52	0.62
Convertible	133.50	142.00	...	5.35
-do- Accum	275.30	292.80	-0.10	5.35
Emerging Markets	62.95	67.25	+0.31	...
-do- Accum	63.00	67.30	+0.29	
European	128.10	135.70	-0.30	0.35
-do- Accum	134.70	142.60	-0.50	0.35
Extra Income	362.40	385.40	+0.20	3.85
-do- Accum	556.40	591.70	+0.30	3.85
Financial	146.20	155.80†	+0.30	0.86
-do- Accum	154.80	166.10†	+0.40	0.86
Gilt Trust	64.23	66.22†	-0.12	6.21
-do- Accum	84.58	97.53†	-0.16	6.21
Health Fund Inc	204.90	218.60†	+3.10	..
-do- Accum	204.90	218.80†	+3.10	..
Income & Growth	206.80	220.10†	-0.90	3.50
-do- Accum	323.30	343.90†	-1.50	3.50
Intl Growth	401.40	426.20†	+2.60	...
-do- Accum	445.20	475.50†	+2.90	..
Japan & Gen	179.70	192.10	+2.10	..
-do- Accum	181.50	194.00	+2.10	..
Monthly Inc #	178.40	189.70†	-0.30	3.68
Managed Ptfl Inc	113.10	119.10	...	2.02
-do- Accum	121.50	127.90	+0.10	2.02
Quarterly Income #	53.29	57.23†	-0.10	3.89
-do- Accum #	59.08	63.44†	-0.11	3.89
Recovery	347.20	371.20	+0.40	0.12
-do- Accum	409.80	436.10	+0.40	0.12
UK Growth	59.77	63.91	-0.11	2.50
-do- Accum	63.34	67.73	-0.13	2.50
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881200 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	55.25	58.77†	+0.09	0.44
FP Am Smlr Cos	165.50	177.00	+4.30	..
FP Asian Growth	264.20	282.50	+10.30	
FP Australian	358.20	385.00	+1.20	
FP Equity Dist	414.60	441.00†	+0.60	2.49
-do- Accum	899.50	957.00†	+1.20	2.49
FP Euro Gth	242.50	257.90	-1.20	0.20
-do- Accum	263.60	280.40	-1.30	0.20
FP Intl Bond	61.75	65.34	...	4.55
FP Intl Gth Dist	35.52	37.90†	+0.09	0.49
-do- Accum	51.89	55.36†	+0.13	0.49
FP Pac Basin Acc	209.60	224.00†	+1.50	
FP Income	57.68	61.52	+0.77	4.55
-do- Accum	190.30	202.90	+2.90	4.55
FP Jap Smlr Cos	304.20	324.40	+6.60	
FP Monthly Dist	74.23	79.22†	+0.56	5.05
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80†	+0.10	6.25
FP Tokyo	81.91	87.37	+2.19	
FP UK Focus	39.13	42.07†	+0.23	2.58
FP UK Growth	187.90	200.40	+1.70	2.65
-do- Accum	369.00	393.50	+3.40	2.65
Stewardship Dist	369.50	393.00†	+0.90	1.94
-do- Accum	459.90	489.20†	+1.10	1.94
Stewdship Inc Dist	74.45	79.20	+0.03	4.73
-do- Accum	99.08	105.40	..	4.73
N Am Stshp Dist	115.50	122.80	..	0.98
-do- Accum	123.49	131.20	+0.10	0.98
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	118.30	125.80†	+2.80	1.01
Open Cap Gth Acc	120.20	127.60†	+0.90	0.08
Cap Gth Inc Inc	112.50	119.60	+0.70	2.18
Cap Gth Inc Acc	116.30	123.70	+0.70	2.18
Ope Cp Gth Ic Ic	116.00	123.30	+0.50	3.32
Ope Cp Gth Ic Ac	120.50	128.10	+0.60	3.32
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	264.40	279.60†	..	2.30
Cash	49.43	50.17†	.	5.30
Growth Portfolio	82.59	87.54	..	0.84
Income Portfolio	66.74	70.58†	...	4.36
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	208.20	223.70	+1.20	1.52
Dividend	93.15	99.63	-0.23	4.79
Intl Gth & Inc	235.80	252.20	+1.78	3.13
UK & Gen	47.61	50.92	-0.06	2.57
Fund of Funds	69.20	74.01	+0.48	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	225.40	241.10	+0.30	
European	607.20	649.50	-0.60	0.29
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	51.53	54.90	-0.11	4.95
-do- Accum	56.09	59.76	-0.12	4.95
Far East & Gen	258.20	276.20	+0.80	..
Germany	121.00	128.30	-0.70	
High Yield #	48.68	52.51†	+0.16	8.09
-do- Accum #	52.18	55.15	+0.16	8.09
Income Inc	170.60	182.50	-0.20	4.30
-do- Accum	188.20	201.30	-0.20	4.30
International	353.00	377.30	+2.00	
Intl Income	91.29	96.73	+0.16	3.15
Japan & General	430.20	458.20	+3.80	..
Korean Securities	66.73	71.37	-1.59	..
Oriental Acc	138.30	148.00	-0.90	0.23
Smlr Cos Div Inc	45.19	48.34	+0.04	4.18
-do- Accum	49.93	53.37	+0.05	4.18
UK Capital Inc	179.30	192.40	-0.10	1.48
UK Capital Acc	317.10	339.20	-0.20	1.48
UK Spec Sits	92.80	99.26	-0.22	1.30
US & General	175.70	185.80	+1.10	..
Wwide Spec Sits	151.30	161.70	+0.90	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	56.15	59.92	-0.34	1.73
Cash Trust	141.16	141.16†	+0.02	6.26
Practical Inv Inc #	119.82	128.15	-1.04	2.65
-do- Accum #	281.33	300.75	-2.44	2.65
UK Index	165.03	165.65	-0.34	3.35
UK Smaller Cos	146.02	156.17†	+0.11	0.56
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.40	25.28†	+0.02	7.91
High Income	34.10	36.42†	-0.14	5.22
UK Equity Income	149.03	159.29	-0.05	2.65
Global Bond	30.91	32.03	+0.03	5.06
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	42.86	45.63	+1.10	..
Global Managed	142.71	151.67†	+0.45	1.47
Gold & Intl Res	107.43	114.90	+0.58	..
Global Utilities	141.20	150.90	+0.33	1.46
Overseas Funds				
American	179.18	190.67	+1.33	0.87
European	118.05	125.10	-0.49	0.98
Euro Sel Opps	175.61	185.52	...	
Amer Emerging	143.14	143.88	+2.98	..
Hong Kong	146.57	157.00	+3.00	2.09
Japan	243.80	259.02	+2.79	..
Pacific Growth	212.95	227.77	+2.64	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	235.43	235.43†	-0.40	2.09
Long Term Bal	257.71	257.71†	-3.44	3.10
Med Term Bal	218.19	218.19†	-0.18	3.18
UK Equity	272.14	272.14†	-0.95	2.47
UK Emerging Cos	154.92	154.92	+0.02	1.98
American	233.44	233.44	+1.36	1.10
Japan	127.76	127.76	+1.53	..
European	307.28	307.28	-1.36	1.07
Index Linked Gilt	179.88	179.88	-0.33	2.68
Fixed Interest	169.93	169.93†	-0.39	6.49
Amer Emerging	329.22	329.22	+4.04	..
Pacific	236.49	236.49	+1.09	0.68
Emerging Mkts	115.19	115.19	+1.71	0.90
Index Strat Japan	151.45	151.45	+1.75	0.19
-do- Pacific Rim	186.27	186.27	+1.96	1.36
-do- Cont Europe	170.52	170.52	+1.77	2.02
Index Strat USA	170.42	170.42	+0.35	1.91
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	118.95	118.03	-0.28	...
Med Term Bal	102.82	108.38	-0.09	..
Long Term Bal	115.82	123.22	-0.21	..
UK Equity	125.93	133.97	-0.47	..
UK Emerging Cos	72.62	77.26	+0.01	..
American	136.18	144.85	+1.67	...
Japan	61.13	65.04	+0.82	..
European	127.70	135.85	-0.61	..
Fixed Interest	86.39	91.89	-0.21	..
Index Linked Gilt	79.91	85.01	-0.15	..
Deposit	83.84	89.19	+0.02	...
Bridge Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	149.95	157.85	+0.91	0.54
Brdl Gth Port Inc	68.58	72.38	+1.65	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	61.31	64.71†	+1.16	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	57.96	61.17	+1.54	0.10
Shaw Utilities	66.32	69.99†	+1.09	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	581.24	618.34	+4.40	2.25
-do- Accum	645.46	687.72	+4.90	2.25
European Inc	158.63	168.97	.	1.29
Amalgam Inc	151.70	160.72		
N America Inc	355.29	377.97	+9.54	0.80
Far East Inc	355.43	378.12	...	
-do- Accum	368.12	391.62	..	
UK Divid Inc	191.13	203.33	..	3.27
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	100.75	107.75	-0.09	4.35
UK Small Cos	59.59	63.72	+1.77	0.71
British Growth	65.45	69.99	+0.08	2.44
American Gwth	251.71	269.28	+5.39	..
Japan Gwth	66.29	70.89	+0.47	..
Greater China	178.61	191.01	+2.27	0.56
Pacific Strategy	149.76	160.16	+0.28	0.55
European Gwth	97.27	103.76†	+0.13	0.69
Intl Growth	162.99	174.32	+1.45	..
US Index (£)	16.7804	17.6807	-0.0167	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	81.77	87.44	+0.39	2.13
Monthly Income	40.85	43.50†	+0.01	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 0171 665 0083				
Gvt UK Index (£)	13.3972	14.1434	-0.0393	5.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.65	102.83	.	1.49
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 5866				
European	528.10	564.20	-2.20	0.49
Gilt & Fixed	132.00	140.00	+0.39	5.60
Growth Equity	380.80	406.80†	+2.59	1.47
Income Trust	148.30	158.20	-0.30	3.25
International	198.80	212.50	+0.70	0.21
Japan Trust	128.70	137.50	+1.60	...
Nth American	327.40	349.70†	+0.70	
Pacific	543.70	580.80†	+4.10	0.26
Guardhill	578.30	617.80	+3.60	1.56
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	109.00	113.16	-0.34	6.34
Global High Inc	103.30	107.26	+0.03	6.41
European Bond	105.93	109.95	+0.06	6.50
Eqty & Bond Inc	109.36	116.28†	+0.03	5.04
European Growth	114.56	121.81	-0.86	..
Intl PEP Trust	66.51	70.72	-0.06	..
Equity Inc	130.72	139.00†	-0.30	4.84
-do- Accum	186.03	197.80	-0.42	4.84
Recovery	348.50	370.50†	+1.19	2.12
-do- Accum	408.40	434.20	+1.30	2.12
Sl Mac High Inc	123.37	131.31	-0.72	6.35
UK Emerg Cos	267.70	284.80†	-0.38	1.93
UK Small Cos	384.00	391.70	-0.20	2.45
Glob Phs Tst	98.70	104.94†	-0.26	1.35
-do- Accum	100.54	106.90	-0.26	1.35
Inc Share Tst	90.57	96.30	+0.09	6.93
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	29.79	31.58	-0.07	1.84
Growth Acc	30.17	31.99	-0.07	1.84
Income	29.45	31.23	-0.07	4.48
Income Acc	30.18	32.08	-0.07	4.48
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	224.30	235.80	+0.20	2.40
Smaller Cos	33.64	35.79	-0.12	1.20
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	338.93	362.55	+1.20	1.30
Best of British	67.19	71.41†	-0.19	2.89
UK Smaller Cos	137.72	148.04	-0.17	1.78
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	290.59	309.42†	-0.81	3.71
-do- Accum #	804.86	857.13	-2.26	3.71
High Income	328.37	351.02†	-1.06	4.45
Extra Income #	290.68	309.13	-0.95	5.00
Pref & Bond	48.00	49.61†	+0.05	8.50
International				
International	300.29	320.02	+1.97	
Global Bond	58.27	61.33	+0.05	5.06
Intl Pref Tst	90.80	97.11†	+3.56	0.63
Global Tech	245.31	261.96†	+2.72	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	172.73	184.18	+0.91	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	159.78	171.41†	-0.52	0.83
Eur Op Sits	78.96	84.27	-0.26	1.48
-do- Accum	84.58	90.27	-0.28	1.48
Japan Trust	221.76	236.33	+2.54	.
Japan Special Sits	216.06	230.32	+2.62	.
Pacific Smll Cos	226.98	242.86	+1.28	
North American	286.20	303.94	+0.07	...
American Smaller	142.38	152.18†	+1.69	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	112.13	117.42†	+0.86	1.86
Capital	192.98	202.07	+1.73	1.33
Dollar	443.59	464.49†	+1.59	
Enterprise Gth	375.39	393.07	+3.93	1.42
European	253.06	264.98	-0.54	0.48
Far East	313.99	328.78	+9.91	..
Financial	466.80	510.12	+7.14	1.64
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.28	27.33	+0.08	8.94
High Yield	108.31	113.42†	+0.34	3.63
Income & Growth	155.08	162.39†	+0.51	3.12
International	281.83	295.11	+2.98	.
Japanese General	212.72	222.74	+2.37	.
Japan Tech	92.08	96.42	+1.12	
Nat Resources	80.21	83.99	+1.26	
Portfolio	80.55	84.34†	+0.94	1.32
Smaller Cos	144.96	151.80	+3.54	1.08
Special Sits	179.44	187.89	+5.04	0.86
UK Emerging Cos	105.25	110.21	+0.15	0.90
US Smaller Cos	123.47	129.78	+0.87	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	109.40	116.80†	+0.20	5.81
Capital	662.00	706.50†	-0.70	2.18
Income #	615.20	656.60	-2.80	5.39
Footsie Fund	61.09	61.40	-0.13	2.92
Tracker Index	113.60	120.20	+0.20	2.35
UK Index	153.80	164.90	-0.20	3.23
International Funds				
American Growth	566.60	602.70	+1.40	0.35
American Index	255.80	270.50	+0.80	1.25
European Growth	124.70	132.80	-0.70	0.15
Eurotrack 100	180.80	191.30	-1.50	1.01
Global Bond	23.23	24.50	+0.03	5.10
Japan Growth	281.40	300.30	+4.10	..
Japan Index	81.17	85.89	+1.20	0.19
Japan Smllr Cos	30.71	32.78	+0.41	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.57	63.57	+0.57	0.18
Hong Kong Gwth	117.70	125.60	+2.50	1.27
Spore & Mlysn Gth	75.66	80.75	+0.30	..
Tiger Index	196.50	210.10	+0.60	1.07
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Funds				
UK Smaller Cos	40.50	42.10	+0.24	0.67
General Funds				
Managed	80.79	83.98†	+0.01	1.33
Rupert Child Fnd	94.99	98.74	-0.44	2.26
UK Growth	85.81	88.41†	-0.31	2.18
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	85.56	88.93	-0.30	6.60
Gilt & Fixed Int	27.31	28.18	+0.01	7.78
UK Inc & Gwth	44.14	45.88†	-0.23	3.33
UK Income	344.70	358.30†	-2.30	4.90
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	56.61	58.79	+0.10	0.21
Amer Smllr Cos	137.60	143.00	+1.20	..
-do- Accum	139.10	144.60	+1.30	
Europe Gth	185.80	192.70	-0.40	.
-do- Accum	192.40	199.60	-0.50	
Euro Smaller Cos	34.01	35.35†	-0.03	
French Growth	81.81	85.04	-2.19	0.25
-do- Accum	87.77	91.24	-2.35	0.25
H Kong & China	85.55	88.93	+1.67	1.34
Intl Growth	63.25	65.75†	+0.12	0.52
-do- Accum	64.14	66.67†	+0.12	0.52
Japan Gth	32.73	34.02	+0.41	
-do- Accum	32.73	34.02	+0.41	
Japan Smaller Cos	39.10	40.64	+0.34	
Glob Emg Mkts	91.13	94.73	+0.87	...
-do- Accum	91.78	95.41	+0.89	
SE Asia	320.30	333.00	+2.20	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	57.01	58.78†	+0.04	5.90
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc	98.16	103.60	-0.10	4.83
Sector Value Gwth	98.62	104.00	-0.10	1.92
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	190.50	202.70	+2.10	..
Income	185.33	197.16	+0.87	3.09
UK Growth	72.03	76.62	-0.02	0.46
International	79.40	84.45	+0.39	0.07
Ecology	90.98	96.78†	-0.13	1.11
European	143.63	152.80	-0.42	
Far Eastern	296.60	315.50	+2.10	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.20	104.50	-0.50	7.36
Gilt Yield	119.70	126.30	-0.10	6.73



	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Income	223.80	238.10†	-0.50	3.64
High Yield	147.80	156.40	+0.78	5.71
-do- Accum	464.20	493.80	+3.20	5.71
Smlr Cos Div	56.87	60.29†	+1.82	2.84
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	127.50	135.60	+1.50	..
Asian Growth	320.80	341.30	+2.20	0.24
-do- Accum	377.10	401.20	+2.60	0.24
North American	98.23	104.50	+0.30	0.16
European Special	117.40	124.90	-1.10	0.10
European	165.20	175.70	-1.10	0.44
-do- Accum	217.70	231.60	-1.40	0.44
Global Eqty Inc	113.70	120.70	...	2.13
Japan	415.00	441.50	+4.50	
Japanese Special	228.00	242.50	+1.00	
Smaller Cos	121.20	128.90†	+0.10	1.18
UK Equity Growth	44.07	46.88	...	1.57
UK Index Inc	308.70	311.80†	-0.30	3.49
Birchland Tst	100.80	106.60	+2.50	2.76
-do- Accum	100.80	108.60	+2.50	2.76
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Budge Income	277.91	295.65†	-1.10	5.24
Inc & Growth Inc	59.97	63.80	-0.18	4.28
Smaller Cos	68.07	72.42†	+0.58	1.39
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	273.70	291.10	-0.60	1.84
High Income	113.30	120.50	-0.20	4.31
International	105.60	112.30	+0.80	0.53
European Trust	81.55	86.75	-0.68	0.88
Japanese Trust	42.57	45.28	+0.52	
American Trust	106.30	113.00	+1.00	.
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	410.10	435.10	-0.30	2.35
UK Inc/Gth	441.40	468.30	-1.40	2.98
UK Income	305.40	324.00	-0.70	3.70
UK Sm Cos	261.40	279.60	...	1.76
Euro Gwth	145.60	154.20†	-0.80	..
N Amer Gwth	109.20	115.90†	...	0.23
Japan Growth	65.79	69.80†	+0.81	..
Money Mkt	127.949	127.949	...	0.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	535.50	569.70	-1.50	2.61
-do- Accum	1610.81	1711.50	-3.00	2.61
Equity Income #	103.80	110.50	-0.60	4.37
UK Tactical Alloctn	63.09	67.00	-0.06	4.11
European	131.90	140.30	-0.40	1.63
Far Eastern	220.60	234.70	+3.70	..
Fixed Interest	54.00	57.44	+0.19	7.03
Gilt	91.07	96.59†	-0.11	6.35
Global Growth	78.87	83.90†	+0.68	0.36
Intl Bond	56.28	59.85	+0.01	5.26
Japanese	74.44	79.19†	+1.37	..
North American	186.80	198.70	+1.90	0.61
Pacific Growth	109.20	116.20	+1.20	0.24
UK Index	70.36	73.87†	-0.17	3.06
UK Recovery	104.00	110.60†	+0.20	1.98
UK Smaller Cos	138.40	147.20	-0.20	1.44
US Index	78.28	80.51	+0.23	1.40
European Index	83.60	89.23	-0.62	2.19
Japan Index	41.55	43.86	+0.60	...
Worldwide	90.67	96.39†	+0.01	1.45
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	53.59	57.31	-0.24	2.14
Income	63.44	67.85	-0.29	2.97
Far East	53.70	57.43	+0.47	...
North American	128.79	137.49	+0.90	..
Global	105.00	112.30	..	0.19
European	92.29	98.54	-0.59	0.86
Japan	105.69	113.00†	+0.68	..
Intl Currency Bd	62.75	65.51†	+0.07	4.38
SE Asia	103.50	110.60	+0.90	..
UK Cap Growth	98.57	105.20†	-0.30	1.87
Recovery Trust	71.04	75.57†	-0.18	1.47
Managed	71.93	76.52	+1.64	0.64
Cash	51.31	51.31	+0.01	5.21
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	375.20	399.20†	+0.30	2.77
-do- Accum	875.80	931.60	+0.70	2.77
Conti Euro Gth	71.74	75.52†	+0.12	1.37
-do- Accum	77.20	81.27	+0.12	1.17
Extra Inc	273.20	290.70†	...	4.10
-do- Accum	734.90	781.90	+0.10	4.10
FTSE 100 Inc	112.70	118.90	+0.10	2.53
FTSE 100 Acc	114.70	122.10	+0.20	2.53
German Gth	134.90	141.90	-0.80	
-do- Accum	141.40	148.90	-0.50	
Growth Port	600.20	638.60	-8.20	0.14
-do- Accum	618.00	657.50	-8.80	0.14
High Interest Inc	99.80	102.60	+0.20	7.57
High Interest Acc	99.00	102.60	+0.20	7.57
Hi Reserve Inc #	105.00	111.80†	+0.10	6.69
Hi Reserve Acc #	109.30	116.30	+0.10	6.69
-do- Accum	595.90	634.00	+0.48	4.48
Japan Growth	111.30	118.50	+1.60	
-do- Accum	111.78	118.90	+1.60	
Master Trust	63.59	67.65	+0.85	1.22
-do- Accum	72.24	76.86	+0.96	1.22
N American Gth	225.30	239.70	+0.90	0.60
-do- Accum	260.50	277.20	+1.10	0.60
NAm Sm Co Rec	174.80	186.00	+1.10	..
-do- Accum	178.40	189.80	+1.00	.
Pacific Basin	254.80	271.10	+1.30	0.38
-do- Accum	278.70	296.00	+1.40	0.38
Small Cos Rec	433.20	456.60†	+14.00	1.91
-do- Accum	580.00	621.10	+19.10	1.91
UK Growth	96.25	102.40	+1.50	2.67
-do- Accum	118.40	126.00	+1.80	2.07
Worldwide Gth	345.70	367.80	+4.90	
-do- Accum	510.10	542.70	+7.30	.
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	80.26	85.94	+0.23	0.40
General	98.89	106.10†	+0.01	2.30
Income	69.18	74.22	..	5.46
International	70.32	75.44	+0.28	0.40
Japan	58.77	63.05	+0.45	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	71.08	76.26†	+0.18	1.50
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	480.70	509.30	+2.70	0.36
-do- Accum	600.10	634.50	+3.30	0.36
Amer Recovery	527.20	557.60†	+4.40	0.53
-do- Accum	607.50	642.30†	+5.00	0.53
Amer Smlr Cos	146.70	155.10	+0.60	..
-do- Accum	149.90	158.50	+0.80	..
Australasian	165.10	174.60	+0.30	2.41
-do- Accum	203.70	215.50	+0.40	2.41
Capital	900.50	952.30	-1.10	2.93
-do- Accum	1044.40	1104.50	-1.30	2.93
Charifund	728.50	735.80†	-2.70	5.87
-do- Accum	3581.10	3617.00†	-13.50	5.87
Commodity	424.50	449.90	-2.80	0.38
-do- Accum	625.20	661.10	-4.20	0.38
Compound Grth	1037.10	1096.70†	-3.70	2.89
-do- Accum	1115.80	1180.00†	-4.40	2.89
Dividend	43.20	45.70†	-0.10	4.38
-do- Accum	189.20	189.40†	-0.10	4.38
Equity Income	340.50	360.10	-0.80	5.04
-do- Accum	451.90	477.90	-1.10	5.04
Euro & General	544.80	576.10	+1.30	1.17
-do- Accum	694.40	734.20	+1.60	1.17
Euro Dividend	76.90	81.30	+0.10	3.77
-do- Accum	94.80	100.20	+0.10	3.77
Extra Yield	443.00	468.50	-1.10	4.80
-do- Accum	1434.80	1517.40	-3.70	4.80
Far Eastern	354.30	374.70	+3.10	0.48
-do- Accum	472.50	499.70	+4.10	0.48
Fund of Inv Tsts	650.80	688.20†	+0.80	1.94
-do- Accum	1236.30	1307.50†	+1.50	1.94
General	66.30	70.10	-0.10	3.75
-do- Accum	189.10	200.10	-0.20	3.75
Gilt Income	61.84	61.93†	+0.24	7.00
-do- Accum	179.47	179.72†	+0.69	7.00
Gold	66.40	70.20	-0.10	0.74
-do- Accum	78.80	83.20	-0.10	0.74
High Income	31.60	33.40	..	4.77
-do- Accum	129.60	137.10	-0.20	4.77
Intl Growth	84.40	89.30	+0.30	0.85
-do- Accum	148.30	156.90	+0.50	0.85
International Inc	105.50	111.60†	.	4.01
-do- Accum	163.10	172.50†	.	4.01
Japan & Gen	42.10	44.50†	+0.40	
-do- Accum	45.20	47.80†	+0.50	
Japan Smlr Cos	145.40	153.80†	+0.60	
-do- Accum	146.40	154.90†	+0.60	
Managed Gwth	25.30	25.70	.	1.74
Managed Income	29.00	30.40†	.	4.30
Midland	59.70	63.10†	.	3.40
-do- Accum	204.90	216.70†	.	3.40
Pension Ex	1009.70	1035.00	-5.70	4.28
Recovery	45.30	47.90	-0.10	2.68
-do- Accum	75.50	79.80	-0.20	2.68
Second General	72.40	76.60	+0.10	3.67
-do- Accum	190.30	201.30	-0.30	3.67
Smaller Cos	70.10	74.10	-0.20	3.29
-do- Accum	141.40	149.50	-0.30	3.29
Sterling Hi Yld	23.56	25.65	+0.07	7.50
Treasury	25.08	25.12†	+0.01	6.37
Trustee	42.30	44.78†	+0.10	4.48
-do- Accum	176.80	187.20†	+0.40	4.48
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	88.97	94.60	-0.43	1.37
Intl Bond	67.68	71.12†	+0.03	5.59
Intl Equity Growth	79.98	85.02†	+0.38	0.60
N Amer Growth	122.40	130.04	+0.30	0.74
Special Sits Growth	24.15	25.69	+0.04	2.20
UK Growth	417.76	444.42	+0.30	2.71
-do- Accum	559.93	595.67	+0.41	2.71
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1486.30	1426.90†	..	3.00
Income #	1024.70	1041.70	...	4.10
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	158.10	162.20		3.72
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptfolio	167.90	178.80	-0.08	2.14
-do- Accum	195.40	205.70	-0.06	2.14
UK Sel Ptfolio	147.10	154.80	-0.32	2.50
-do- Accum	173.00	182.10	-0.32	2.50
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 384 842				
Managed Tst	72.57	77.30	.	3.68
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	78.62	83.46	+0.34	4.14
European	93.02	98.75	+0.58	1.15
Income #	79.65	84.55†	+0.96	4.23
Nth American	81.41	86.42	+0.57	0.43
Far East	168.10	178.40	+3.80	0.05
Japan	59.89	63.58	+0.49	.
Emrging Mkts	84.02	89.88	+2.36	0.02
Intl Growth	120.10	127.50	+0.80	0.58
UK Growth	106.70	113.30†	+0.20	1.82
UK Smlr Co	51.40	54.56†	+0.32	1.36
Asian Opps Fd	36.59	39.13	+0.03	0.45
Glob Gwth PEP	56.13	59.58	+0.27	0.47
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5868				
Income	454.08	483.06	-2.44	3.68
Global Inc	74.62	79.38	-0.06	3.52
Brit Leaders	385.36	409.98	-3.37	1.71
Intl Leaders	218.75	232.71	+0.08	1.34
PAM Mg Bal Gth	67.91	70.58	+0.58	0.74
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	241.10	255.00†	+0.700	..
-do- Accum	257.80	272.70†	+0.800	..
American Opps	112.30	119.80†	+1.300	..
-do- Accum	113.60	121.20†	+1.200	
British Blue Chip	88.82	94.30	+0.080	2.55
-do- Accum	112.40	119.40	+0.200	2.55
Cash	100.60	100.60	..	6.48
-do- Accum *	142.80	142.80	..	6.48
Emerging Mkts	106.80	114.80	+2.300	0.12
-do- Accum	107.30	115.40	+2.300	0.12
European Growth	270.50	287.30	-1.30	0.16
-do- Accum	293.50	311.80	-1.40	0.16
European Income	90.73	96.00	-0.41	2.99
-do- Accum	126.00	133.30	-0.50	2.99
General	560.60	597.20	+0.600	2.08
-do- Accum	1118.00	1191.00	+1.000	2.08
Global Bond	133.90	140.50	...	5.25
-do- Accum	168.70	177.20	+0.100	5.25
Gold & General	210.60	226.40	...	0.40
-do- Accum	217.40	233.80†	...	0.40
Govt Securities	95.37	98.33	+0.230	5.97
-do- Accum	190.20	196.10	+0.400	5.97
High Yield Bd	102.30	105.90	+0.100	6.98
-do- Accum	102.30	105.90	+0.100	6.98
Income	171.00	181.70†	-0.30	3.90
-do- Accum	275.30	292.80†	-0.50	3.90
Inc Portfolio #	106.20	112.60	...	4.86
-do- Accum #	110.90	117.70	+0.180	4.86
Intl Opps	500.70	534.10	+4.400	0.17
-do- Accum	670.80	715.50	+5.800	0.17
Japan	170.60	180.70	+1.900	
-do- Accum	175.20	185.90	+2.000	..
New Europe	200.30	213.70	+0.800	0.94
-do- Accum	206.50	220.30	+0.800	0.94
Pacific	112.50	120.00	+0.300	0.85
-do- Accum	120.80	128.90	+0.400	0.85
Recovery	339.30	361.90†	+1.400	0.72
-do- Accum	439.90	469.20†	+1.800	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	55.91	60.78	-1.43	0.85
-do- Accum	64.92	69.30	-1.63	0.85
Portfolio	88.36	93.80	+0.170	2.46
-do- Accum	106.40	112.80	+0.200	2.46
Managed Grth	108.50	113.60	+0.200	1.67
Managed Inc	114.20	118.50	..	3.80
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	122.58	135.72	-0.56	0.17
Portfolio	73.60	78.30	+0.03	1.53
UK Income Inc	84.32	89.84	-0.22	4.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	64.80	67.85	-0.12	2.84
-do- Accum	70.23	73.53	-0.13	2.84
British Tst	97.44	102.00	-0.20	2.01
-do- Accum	114.30	119.50	-0.20	2.01
Extra High Inc	70.07	73.37	+0.02	6.42
-do- Accum	141.80	148.20	+0.10	6.42
FT-SE 100 Acc	62.82	65.83	-0.14	2.51
FT-SE 100 Dist	60.96	63.85	-0.14	2.51
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.61	58.97	-0.13	6.59
-do- Accum	170.50	177.50	-0.40	6.59
High Yield	229.30	240.10†	-0.10	6.02
-do- Accum	604.90	633.40†	-0.30	6.02
Income	305.60	320.00	-1.70	3.85
-do- Accum	687.30	719.60	-3.80	3.85
Money Market UT	49.23	49.33†	..	5.56
-do- Accum	80.08	80.08†	..	5.56
Monthly Income	89.94	94.18†	-0.06	4.87
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	119.60	127.20	-0.10	1.54
Japan Growth	50.01	53.01	-0.18	.
Managed	76.88	81.79	+0.65	2.15
Money Market	90.68	96.12	...	4.18
North American	103.00	109.20	+1.20	0.41
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	108.40	115.30	-0.20	1.53
European Growth	107.50	114.00	..	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	89.18	94.64	-0.21	5.55
Income	91.85	97.71	-0.42	2.63
Japan Growth	49.79	52.78	-0.17	..
Managed	73.49	78.16	+0.63	2.13
Money Market	83.68	88.70	+0.01	4.14
North American	93.15	98.74	+1.11	0.49
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	109.10	115.00	-0.20	1.53
European Growth	105.00	111.30	..	
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.80	87.82	-0.19	5.87
Income	90.24	96.00	-0.41	2.66
Japan Growth	50.91	53.96	-0.19	
Managed	76.20	81.17	-0.07	2.14
Money Market	77.78	82.45	..	4.22
North American	104.10	110.40	+1.30	0.38
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.29	15.20	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	439.10	465.90	+3.90	.
European Gth Inc	586.70	629.40	+10.20	.
-do- Accum	593.10	636.20	+10.30	...
Intl Gwth	217.40	231.20†	+0.20	..
UK Equity Inc	205.50	218.60†	-0.70	2.93
Dn Accum	272.00	289.30†	-0.90	2.93
UK Ind Trckr Inc	178.60	190.90	-0.50	2.84
-do- Accum	214.90	229.80	-0.50	2.64
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	251.50	266.80	+0.80	1.04
Japan Tracker	76.01	80.51†	+1.03	..
Asian Tracker	208.00	224.80†	+1.30	0.29
Managed Inc	172.70	184.60	+0.60	2.09
Deposit Inc	99.98	99.98†	+0.01	6.59
Europe	257.50	278.60	+0.60	.
Genesis	178.00	193.40†	+0.10	1.64
High Income	21.61	22.93†		10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	103.10	105.40†	+0.20	2.44
Acumen Inc	95.86	97.52†	+0.28	3.44
Acumen Reserve	91.25	92.17†	+0.17	8.12
-do- Inc	74.19	75.54†	+0.14	8.12
Americas Growth	60.66	62.73	+0.65	..
Cash Income	49.67	49.67†	...	6.05
Equity Income #	100.30	103.00	+0.10	4.78
European	76.68	78.11	-0.07	0.27
Smaller Cos	83.18	87.31†	+0.31	1.41
W'wide Eqty	70.77	72.50	+0.59	0.32
Global Bond	46.69	47.23†	+0.03	6.35
UK Growth	104.10	106.90	+0.20	2.08
Pacific Growth	110.10	114.20	+1.20	0.80
Japan Growth	103.80	105.60	+0.80	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	137.16	145.91	-0.38	2.47
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	82.03	87.27	-0.32	2.16
UK Income	116.97	124.44†	+1.75	3.93
Higher Income	223.82	238.11	+1.75	5.24
Smaller Cos	90.34	96.11	+0.02	1.85
International	105.57	112.31†	-0.27	1.58
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0177 823 4200				
Americas Dist	123.90	131.80	+1.80	0.30
European Dist	130.10	138.40†	-0.90	0.20
Far East Dist	187.10	199.00	+1.30	..
Global Care Dist	80.66	85.81	+0.36	0.87
Ocean Dist	1121.20	1192.80	+3.10	0.01
-do- Accum	1458.40	1552.50	+4.10	0.01
UK Dist	388.10	412.90†	+0.70	2.45
-do- Accum	778.50	828.20	+1.10	2.45
UK Extra Inc Dist	86.68	92.19	+0.29	3.54
Wwide Dist	116.30	123.70†	+0.50	0.30
Wwide Inc Dist	79.27	84.33†	+0.04	2.29
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	69.89	73.76	-0.30	1.08
Fund of Funds Inc	64.19	67.75	-0.02	2.21
North America Inc	63.51	67.03	+0.56	..
UK Equity Grth Inc	64.11	67.66†	-0.09	2.54
-do- Accum	68.17	71.95	-0.10	2.54
UK General Inc	63.21	66.71	-0.15	2.76
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.48	51.07	-0.08	7.09
UK Income Inc	61.91	65.34†	-0.21	3.44
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	45.23	48.12†	+0.23	
-do- Accum	45.59	48.59†	+0.24	..
Bond	127.84	136.00	-0.15	5.54
Bridge Fund	91.25	97.07	...	2.20
Cash Income	50.10	50.10†	+0.01	5.90
-do- Accum	65.57	66.57†	+0.01	5.90
Distributor	100.11	106.50	-0.23	3.26
European	47.58	50.62	-0.29	..
Foundation	101.91	108.42	...	2.33
General	205.82	219.06	-0.13	1.60
Global	347.16	369.32	+0.17	0.18
Growth	133.60	142.13†	-0.29	2.56
Higher Income Inc	30.92	32.89	-0.10	4.47
-do- Accum	36.14	38.45	-0.12	4.47
Income	254.66	270.92†	-0.62	3.11
Intrepid	133.34	138.90†	...	1.95
Japan	25.68	27.32	+0.24	..
Managed Tst Inc	52.79	56.45	-0.15	2.08
-do- Accum	56.27	60.18	-0.16	2.08
Oriental Inc	149.26	158.79	+0.96	0.23
-do- Accum	154.02	163.85	+0.99	0.23
Pers Inl Gwth	33.18	35.29	-0.01	0.42
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	81.83	87.51	..	1.57
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	105.90	112.10		2.28
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	133.71	140.75	+0.19	1.27
UK Equity	154.61	162.75	-0.02	2.96
UK Equity Income	141.66	149.12†	-0.26	3.37
UK Smaller Cos	124.75	131.32	-0.28	1.58
UK Equity Growth	145.64	153.30	+0.08	2.18
UK Index Trckg	156.94	166.20	+0.37	3.40
Intl Index Trckg	163.31	171.90	+0.67	1.05
International	260.82	274.34†	+0.90	0.71
European	224.06	235.85	-0.65	0.25
Pan European	149.40	157.26†	-0.41	1.24
Nth American	215.15	226.47†	+0.49	0.10
N Amer Smlr Cos	227.89	239.88	+0.68	..
Japanese	92.59	97.46	+1.05	..
Pacific	234.38	246.72	+1.67	0.68
South East Asian	260.79	274.52	+1.99	0.78
Intl Bond	144.92	152.55	+0.07	4.91
Gilt & Convertible	110.34	116.15	-0.12	5.85
Property	79.04	83.20	+0.12	6.68
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	260.10	278.80	-1.70	0.42
-do- Accum	275.20	294.90	-1.90	0.42
Japan Inc	104.50	111.60†	+1.70	..
Nth American Inc	121.80	130.50	+0.20	0.31
Worldwide Inc	166.80	179.00	+0.10	0.39
Hong Kong Inc	151.70	162.90	+3.60	1.57
Swiss Equities Inc	85.20	90.90	-0.19	0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	66.95	70.82	...	4.96
Emging Asia Inc	202.30	219.90	-0.70	0.14
-do- Accum	203.10	220.80	-0.60	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.19	50.19†	+0.01	6.41
Thailand Inc	152.90	165.30†	-0.10	1.37
New Zealand Inc	96.91	104.10†	-1.10	1.80
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	66.23	71.11	-0.08	1.42
Latin Am Cmp Inc	56.80	61.70	+1.35	0.31
UK All Sh Mtr Inc	65.73	70.48	-0.11	2.44
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	84.05	89.89†	+0.85	..
Global Portfolio	75.29	80.52	+0.67	..
Global Opps	67.31	71.99	+0.24	..
Marsh Global Gth	65.54	69.50	+0.26	..
AAM Global Equity	55.76	59.10	-0.01	2.13
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	102.20	109.30	-0.40	..
Temple Equity Inc	45.76	48.88	+0.02	2.26
Hartley Growth	93.83	99.82	-0.16	..
Intl Growth Inc	89.89	96.14†	+0.29	1.01
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.59	94.75	+0.62	..
Premier Ptflos Inc	69.98	74.84	+0.38	1.75
Roxburgh Strat Gth	75.72	80.98	+0.47	0.47
Slater Gwth	116.10	123.50†	-1.06	...
International Strat	79.15	84.65	+0.42	..
UFC Intl-Act Gth	59.70	63.85	+0.41	..
Coverdale Topout	51.92	56.12	+0.37	..
Prem Equity Inc	112.50	122.80	+0.19	...
Lowes Intl Growth	50.63	53.28	+0.41	..
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	262.50	279.20	..	2.56
-do- Accum	561.20	597.00	..	2.56
Growth	170.30	179.20	-0.10	2.85
Income	254.80	271.10†	-0.10	3.69
Intl Equity	272.90	290.30	+0.80	0.75
-do- Accum	303.80	323.20	+0.90	0.75
UK Income	70.90	75.42	-0.04	3.20
UK Intl 25	87.05	92.60	+0.08	2.07
New Europe	88.01	93.62	-0.40	0.83
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	661.50	708.00	+4.63	0.48
-do- Accum	664.57	710.78	+4.65	0.48
Income	410.25	438.78	+0.69	3.06
Wwide Recovery	430.03	459.93	+2.47	0.46
Amer Growth Inc	277.58	296.88	+4.33	0.01
-do- Accum	277.58	296.88	+4.33	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	262.46	280.71	+3.71	0.11
Far Estn Grth Inc	288.25	308.29	+3.20	0.50
-do- Accum	288.25	308.29	+3.20	0.50
Euro Gwth Inc	167.42	179.06	+0.36	0.25
-do- Accum	167.85	179.52	+0.36	0.25
UK Growth Inc	106.17	113.56	+0.89	2.61
-do- Accum	111.70	119.47	+0.94	2.61
High Income	109.22	116.82	+0.13	3.82
Jap Gwth Inc	214.56	229.19	+2.95	0.01
-do- Accum	214.96	229.19	+2.95	0.01
PEP Growth	134.32	143.66	+0.98	0.88
Asian Sllr Mkts Inc	126.04	134.81	+2.15	0.48
-do- Accum	126.04	134.81	+2.15	0.48
Amer Smlr Co Inc	173.56	185.65†	+2.82	0.01
-do- Accum	173.56	185.65	+2.92	0.01
Global Bond	58.01	61.08	+0.08	5.78
UK Smaller Cos Inc	94.60	101.18	+0.14	1.56
-do- Accum	99.54	106.48	+0.15	1.56
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	119.84	127.49†	+1.61	.
European	81.71	86.93	+0.78	
Global	65.79	69.98	+0.76	.
Pacific	58.31	62.03†	+0.45	...
UK Inc & Gth	71.19	75.73	+0.11	2.30
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	178.49	189.88	+1.05	0.63
Emerg Mkts	45.12	47.75	+0.09	1.09
High Income #	53.92	57.06	+0.03	5.70
For Premium see River & Mercantile				
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	155.49	165.42	+0.08	1.91
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	110.40	117.40	+0.10	3.30
Conv & Gilt	114.70	122.00†	+2.90	5.15
European Income	79.25	84.31†	+0.81	3.08
Extra Income	169.50	180.30	-0.40	4.83
-do- Accum	213.40	227.00	-0.50	4.83
Far East	392.60	417.60	+0.50	0.30
-do- Accum	400.80	426.40	+0.70	0.30
Global Income	28.92	29.81	-0.08	4.14
High Income	126.70	134.80†	+0.40	4.06
-do- Accum	156.60	166.50	+0.40	4.06
International	206.20	219.30	+0.60	0.61
Special Sits	122.80	130.70	+1.30	1.66
-do- Accum	133.80	142.30	+1.40	1.66
Technology	645.30	686.50	+11.50	..
UK Blue Chip	78.37	83.37	-0.24	3.08
-do- Accum	89.44	95.15	-0.27	3.08
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	217.40	231.30	-0.50	1.56
European Gth	116.90	124.30	..	0.93
Income & Gth #	148.60	158.30	+0.10	3.23
Japan Gth	115.20	122.50	+0.60	..
Nth Amer Gth	131.40	139.80	+1.40	0.08
Overseas Gth	111.80	118.90	+0.40	0.27
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4499				
Managed Tst	42.20	43.73	+0.06	1.59
Cash Reserve Inc	101.07	101.57†	+0.02	5.63
Cash Hsee Acc	114.99	115.55†	+0.01	5.83
Dist Trust Inc	102.68	105.40†	-0.15	6.08
Dist Trust Acc	111.16	115.19†	-0.10	6.08
Global Growth	98.84	105.14	-0.06	1.41
Equity Inc	87.60	93.19†	-0.44	3.07
Equity	814.14	866.10†	-1.76	2.18
European	238.09	246.72†	-1.56	0.74
High Income	92.37	98.26	-0.24	4.86
Intl Gth	208.63	221.94	+0.30	0.86
Intl Sm Co	87.79	93.38	+0.25	0.46
Japanese	217.35	225.23	+2.85	.
Nth Amer	216.38	224.22†	+0.81	1.10
Pacific Mkts	113.40	117.51	+0.68	0.28
Premier Inc	49.18	51.19†	+0.10	6.53
Sml Cos	103.07	109.64†	+2.45	1.39
Spec Sits	120.93	128.64	+1.20	2.52
UK Growth	137.58	146.36	-0.29	2.11
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	325.70	346.50		3.06
RIVER & MERCANTILE INV FUNDS LTD				
0171 405 3240				
Monthly Income	68.47	72.57	-0.10	2.82
Growth Income	72.72	77.08	-0.16	2.25
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	628.02	667.52	+2.53	0.62
FA America (Acc)	734.47	780.66	+2.95	0.62
FA UK Equity Inc	170.52	181.98†	-0.10	3.43
FA Japan	248.23	264.02	+1.89	.
FA Major UK Cos	105.56	112.59	-0.10	2.20
FA Smlr UK Cos	327.32	357.45	-1.40	1.31
FA European	357.00	379.25	-1.89	0.75
FA Amer Smlr Cos	56.50	60.50	+0.49	0.13
FA Asia	50.45	54.44	+0.20	0.13
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.58	45.51	+0.25	.
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	109.44	115.19	-0.11	
UK Smlr Cos	95.81	100.84	-0.39	
UK Income	108.88	114.61	-0.07	
America	126.45	133.10	+0.51	
Japanese	54.78	57.66	+0.41	..
European	115.01	121.05	-0.60	...
Gilt	96.33	101.40	+0.31	..
Deposit	87.01	91.59	+0.02	.
Managed	108.85	114.57	+1.70	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	106.44	112.03	-0.11	.
UK Smaller Cos	93.45	98.36	-0.39	.
UK Income	106.11	111.69	-0.05	.
America	122.92	129.38	+0.48	.
Japanese	53.26	56.06	+0.41	.
European	111.92	117.80	-0.58	..
Gilt	94.58	99.55	+0.39	..
Deposit	83.11	87.48	+0.02	.
Managed	101.87	107.22	+1.54	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	105.00	111.90	+1.10	0.28
Pacific Basin	76.74	82.56	+0.42	0.27
High Inc Dist	146.90	157.00	+0.30	4.34
Ryl Life Intl Ctry	82.00	85.72	+0.10	4.08
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	74.21	79.26	+0.34	0.13
Ryl Life Ish Spec	67.99	72.32	+0.26	..
UK Emerging Cos	138.20	149.40	+0.80	1.03
UK Index Trckg	182.70	194.60†	+0.90	3.17
European	148.60	159.50†	-0.50	..
Managed	166.40	178.90	+0.80	0.66
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	174.90	186.00	+2.30	1.73
European Growth	122.70	130.00	+1.20	2.53
Far East Growth	136.30	145.10	+1.30	2.09
Japan Growth	131.20	139.40†	+0.30	..
Special Sits	223.50	237.70	+0.10	1.25
UK Growth	88.12	93.74	+0.16	2.08
Tolton General	264.50	281.40†	+2.30	1.05
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	164.20	173.80	+1.80	0.31
Gt Euro Prog Inc	352.00	372.50	-0.70	0.18
-do- Accum	547.30	579.20	-0.90	0.18
Growth Inc	141.60	149.80	-0.30	0.34
-do- Accum	145.20	153.70	-0.20	0.34
International Inc	364.30	385.50		0.39
-do- Accum	502.20	531.40		0.39
Nth Am & Intl Inc	378.00	400.00	+2.30	0.35
UK Gen Prog Inc	239.40	253.30		1.14
-do- Accum	269.30	285.00		1.14
UK High Inc Inc	141.30	149.50	-0.50	3.64
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	77.79	82.75†	+0.49	
Asian Gwth	113.85	121.11	+1.53	0.75
European Gwth	77.90	82.87	-0.44	1.00
Global Bd	62.15	65.73	-0.08	5.00
Global Eq	64.65	68.99	+0.47	0.90
Japan Sm Cos	57.26	60.93	+0.41	
UK Gwth	76.62	81.50	+0.10	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	85.04	90.47†	+0.86	3.33
Amer Smlr Cos	141.50	150.50	+3.20	
Asian Smaller Cos	42.15	44.84	+0.55	
Capital Portfolio	140.90	149.90	+1.60	1.72
Cash	130.50	130.50		6.13
China Dragon	58.52	62.26	+1.29	1.50
Commodity	129.40	137.70	+0.80	.
Eastern Discovery	100.20	106.60	+1.00	
Emerging Mkts	35.33	37.59	+0.26	0.04
Energy Inds	133.10	141.60	+0.10	0.15
European Gwth	203.80	216.80†	-0.60	0.21
Euro Inc & Gwth #	84.59	89.99	-0.53	3.01
Euro Smlr Cos	60.08	63.91†	+0.46	0.08
Extra Income #	55.11	56.82†	-0.03	5.50
Financial Secs	256.90	273.30†	+1.70	1.22
Gilt & Fxd Inc Inc #	49.65	52.43	+0.05	8.83
Gold & Exploration	78.78	83.81	-0.21	..
High Return #	248.10	263.90	+2.60	3.90
High Yield #	248.30	264.10	+2.50	3.62
Income #	129.20	137.40	+1.40	4.39
Intl Bond	175.90	185.80	+0.80	5.44
ITU	222.40	236.60	+1.50	0.82
Japan Growth	172.00	183.00	+2.40	.
Japan Smaller	171.80	182.80	+1.10	.
Korea	64.27	68.37†	-1.25	.
Mastertrust	59.25	63.03	+0.22	0.95
Scotbits	388.00	412.80	+2.40	0.99
Scotshares #	328.80	349.80†	+3.10	1.81
Scotyields #	264.80	281.70	+2.20	3.27
Select Intl	148.80	158.30	+1.40	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	248.93	265.70	+0.40	4.52
SE Asia	52.05	55.37	+1.74	0.22
Special Situation	146.30	155.50	+1.60	1.77
UK Equity #	274.70	292.20	-0.30	2.38
UK Growth	73.73	78.44	+0.02	1.78
UK & O'seas	183.80	195.50	+0.60	1.22
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	53.05	56.44	+0.13	1.53
US Growth	189.20	201.30	+2.60	0.13
Univ Growth	149.40	158.90	+1.10	0.40
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cinc 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	311.21	329.94†	+1.53	0.56
-do- Accum	342.41	363.02†	+1.68	0.56
European Gwth	83.60	88.70	-0.73	0.88
Euro Smlr Cos	89.86	95.85	-0.20	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	99.43	106.05	+0.43	..
-do- Accum	101.22	107.97	+0.44	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.79	55.68	-0.07	7.43
Global Bond #	54.40	56.22	-0.10	6.93
-do- Accum #	61.19	63.24	-0.11	6.93
Global Emrg Mkts	50.54	53.90	+0.33	..
-do- Accum	50.58	53.95	+0.33	..
Income #	385.17	410.84	-1.59	4.94
-do- Accum #	812.52	813.36	-5.17	4.94
Japan Smlr Cos	440.11	469.45	+0.93	..
-do- Accum	440.99	470.39	+0.93	
Japan Enterprise	70.41	75.10	+0.77	
Pacific Gwth	139.26	148.54	+0.37	0.49
-do- Accum	143.76	153.34	+0.39	0.49
Portfolio	89.15	95.09	-0.17	1.95
-do- Accum	97.47	103.97	-0.18	1.95
Seoul	49.77	53.08	-1.16	
-do- Accum	49.77	53.08	-1.16	
Smaller Cos	249.17	265.78	-0.46	1.19
Tokyo	124.47	132.76	+0.82	.
-do- Accum	125.72	134.10	+0.83	.
UK Enterprise	304.46	324.75	-2.59	2.08
-do- Accum	367.93	392.45	-3.13	2.08
UK Equity	272.71	290.89	-1.26	2.55
-do- Accum	537.08	572.89	-2.47	2.55
US Smlr Cos	205.75	219.46†	+0.19	..
-do- Accum	205.75	219.46†	+0.19	..
Institutional Funds				
European	267.04	277.29	-1.48	1.33
-do- Accum	298.75	310.21	-1.66	1.33
Euro Smlr Cos	30.53	31.80	-0.06	1.60
-do- Accum	32.80	34.16	-0.06	1.60
Global Equity Inc	85.48	89.04†	+0.43	1.10
Japan Smlr Cos	36.82	38.35	+0.09	0.15
-do- Accum	37.14	38.67	+0.08	0.15
Magd Balanced	210.25	219.01†	-0.41	2.81
-do- Accum	241.81	251.86†	-0.47	2.81
Overseas Equity	209.41	218.13	+0.41	1.09
-do- Accum	217.56	226.62	+0.43	1.09
Oseas Smlr Cos	132.42	137.93	-0.02	0.98
-do- Accum	138.81	144.58	-0.02	0.98
Pacific	256.27	266.94†	+1.81	1.39
-do- Accum	283.11	294.91†	+2.00	1.39
Recovery	120.74	121.61	+0.70	2.98
-do- Accum	122.29	123.22	+0.75	2.98
UK Index	171.84	179.08	+0.38	3.37
-do- Accum	216.19	225.19	+0.41	3.37
UK Small Cos	122.16	127.24	-0.10	2.75
-do- Accum	132.54	138.06	-0.11	2.75
US Smlr Cos	58.53	60.95†	+0.25	0.43
-do- Accum	59.86	62.35†	+0.25	0.43
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 284 2200				
Equity Income	57.17	60.46	.	2.68
Equity Trust	70.51	74.56	+0.10	2.99
Equity Strategy	82.22	86.95	+0.21	1.82
European Opps	98.58	104.25	+0.41	0.40
UK Smaller Cos	72.29	76.45	+0.20	1.23
Maximum Inc	99.51	103.09	+0.02	6.78
Japanese	78.53	83.05	+1.55	.
Asia Pacific	124.61	131.77	-0.42	1.49
American	123.31	130.40	+1.65	0.62
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	32.08	32.08	..	6.178
UK General Inc	78.21	82.09	+0.02	2.60
-do- Accum	78.58	81.60	+0.03	2.60
Intl Income	282.40	301.20†	+0.20	1.56
-do- Accum	492.30	525.10†	+0.30	1.56
European	90.21	95.58	-0.14	1.89
Japan	68.48	72.50†	+0.39	0.30
American	85.71	90.80	...	1.81
Far East	86.56	93.33	+0.39	1.47
Ethical Inc	33.88	36.15	+0.12	2.02
UK Blue Chip Inc	37.99	40.64	+0.03	3.04
High Inc Inc	38.95	41.54†	-0.04	3.52
UK Global Inc	44.49	47.54	+0.16	1.81
Wwide Tact	76.74	82.00	+0.21	1.19
Europe 2000 Tact	60.33	64.03	-0.08	1.43
Technology	141.33	150.65†	+0.40	1.62
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	436.50	465.90	-0.50	2.81
American	322.60	342.40	+1.80	0.53
Pacific	402.10	430.00	+4.20	0.42
European	595.50	635.90	-1.70	1.32
Worldwide	95.63	102.60	+0.20	0.55
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	304.80	324.30	-1.20	2.21
-do- Accum	389.80	414.70	-1.60	2.21
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	229.60	244.30	+1.70	1.88
-do- Accum	278.70	296.50	+2.10	1.88
Selctd Opprty Inc	78.49	83.95	-0.29	1.35
Income Plus Inc	79.90	85.00	-0.41	3.49
European Inc	384.10	408.70	-2.10	1.23
-do- Accum	437.50	465.50†	-2.50	1.23
Far Eastern Inc	176.60	187.90†	+1.30	0.90
-do- Accum	203.00	216.00†	+1.50	0.90
Intl Growth Inc	221.60	235.80	+0.80	0.44
Wwide Venture Inc	87.25	92.82	+0.46	0.75
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	410.00	437.30	+0.70	3.43
-do- Accum	615.90	656.80	+1.00	3.43
UK High Inc	198.60	211.60	+0.40	3.37
-do- Accum	297.60	317.40	+0.60	3.37
Europe Inc	433.20	462.00	+4.70	0.24
Nth Amer Inc	275.80	294.10	+2.00	
Global Inc	241.10	257.20	+2.10	0.23
Global Acc	259.80	277.00	+2.20	0.23
UK Spec Sits Inc	113.30	120.70	+0.50	2.80
South East Asia	220.40	236.50	+1.50	0.56
Cash Trust Inc	102.39	102.39	..	5.99
UK Smlr Cos Inc	112.30	119.70	+0.10	2.09
-do- Accum	116.20	123.90	+0.20	2.09
Intl Bond Inc	99.69	105.80	+0.60	5.55
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	151.80	159.50	-0.20	4.18
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	144.70	152.30	-0.80	0.94
Nth American	131.20	138.10	+0.70	0.17
Intl Bond & Conv	127.60	134.30†	+0.10	6.83
Pooled Pension (E)	214.20	230.30†	+0.60	2.11
Smaller Cos	93.74	98.67†	-0.02	1.16
UK General	150.30	158.20†	+0.10	2.47
Far Eastern	96.33	101.40	+0.80	.
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	122.56	.	+0.88	.
Aztec ‡	63.09	.	+1.23	.
European ‡	144.05	.	+0.25	0.29
Global Bond ‡	96.56	..	+0.26	8.18
Investment Trust ‡	103.84	.	+0.21	2.06
Preferred Income ‡	102.51	.	-0.06	5.86
Sangral ‡	54.09	.	+0.70	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.78	.	+0.02	6.00
UK Growth ‡	105.17	.	-0.36	2.38
Tai Pan ‡	100.46	..	+0.95	.
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	102.96	.	-0.20	3.69
UK Equity Inc ‡	108.89	.	-0.39	5.53
Glob Gwth PEP	70.19	74.66	+0.25	1.30
Pref Inc PEP #	102.10	108.00	+0.40	5.08
Inv Trust PEP	51.91	55.22	+0.11	.
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	401.10	424.40	+5.30	
Canadian	71.98	76.17	+0.74	0.62
Capital	137.40	147.20	+0.10	1.73
Cash	100.96	100.96	+0.01	6.26
European	148.60	157.20†	+1.50	0.66
Far Eastern	155.80	164.80	+0.40	
Growth	151.10	159.90	+0.50	1.36
Income	137.90	145.80	+0.40	4.96
Magnum	148.00	156.60	+0.20	1.72
Smllr Secs	449.40	475.50	+9.80	0.61
Thoroughbred	171.40	183.80	+0.30	1.44
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Princess	55.86	59.76	-0.03	7.00
Ethical	69.11	74.31	+0.71	0.50
European Growth	78.13	83.11	-0.62	1.60
Income	57.95	62.31†	+0.09	4.30
Intl Growth	105.20	112.20	-0.50	1.60
Managed	88.59	94.49	-0.25	2.30
UK Growth	71.48	76.85	+0.80	1.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	44.54	44.77	+0.20	1.65
Global Advtg Acc	48.04	48.29	+0.20	1.65
Income Advtg Inc	35.15	35.33†	..	3.29
Income Advtg Acc	39.64	39.84	...	3.29
UK Equity Gth Acc	82.05	86.98	+0.10	1.00
Premier Inc Inc	48.95	52.58†	+0.10	7.12
Premier Inc Acc	49.95	52.58	+0.10	7.12
Managed Acc	58.06	61.55	+0.20	1.43
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.07	42.48		3.73
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	51.34	54.43	+0.10	3.73
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	71.81	78.30	+0.10	2.09
UK Equity Gen Inc	52.32	55.60	+0.10	2.09
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.00	33.85	+0.10	6.09
Ocean Lig Co Acc	350.00	379.80	+2.10	1.56
Nth American Acc	55.34	58.80	+0.60	
Pacific Basin Acc	43.55	46.28	+0.40	0.92
European Acc	57.23	60.81	+0.30	1.05
Japan Acc	27.45	29.17	.	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	4.183	4.435		1.82
US Eqts (US$)	2.981	3.164		1.01
Far East Eqts (yen)	250.20	265.80		
FT Europe	144.40	153.40		1.27
FT N Amer (US$)	2.289	2.426		0.45
FT Japan (yen)	212.40	225.60		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.576	2.736	.	0.90
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	462.60	491.00†	+4.10	
British #	1166.80	1234.50	-0.60	3.13
Emging Mkts	132.10	141.20	+0.30	0.45
European	581.20	620.00	-1.50	0.52
Japan	139.60	148.30	+1.60	
New Pacific	396.50	422.30	+0.30	1.56
-do- Accum	422.70	450.30	+0.30	1.56
Inv Trust Acc	278.70	295.50		0.82
Magd Equity	191.10	202.30	+0.30	1.64
Magd Cash	96.11	96.11	+0.02	6.22
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	959.10	1026.00	-2.00	2.11
North America	166.90	178.50	+1.30	0.11
Far East	153.60	164.30	+2.10	0.22
Wwide Bond	61.56	65.32†	-0.01	5.05
European	115.10	123.10†	-0.60	1.45
Equity Income #	102.50	109.60	-0.20	4.65
Portfolio	98.18	105.00	+0.20	1.98
UK Leading Cos	70.60	75.31	-0.16	3.13
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	70.65	75.56	+0.23	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Amaric UT	22.59	24.04†	+0.23	1.06
European	44.37	47.21†	-0.38	0.82
High Income	34.49	36.70	-0.11	4.03
Japan	36.43	38.76†	+0.54	0.01
Managed Assets	136.57	146.07	-0.17	2.52
North American	39.21	41.72†	+0.27	0.50
Smlr Co's Inc	31.96	34.00	-0.02	2.26
Smlr Co's Acc	34.54	36.75†	-0.01	2.26
UK Growth Inc	60.91	64.80	-0.15	2.76
UK Growth Acc	66.91	71.19†	-0.17	2.76
UK Income	44.15	47.22	-0.19	3.29
Worldwide Grth	38.46	41.14†	+0.15	0.90
Confederation				
Canadian Exempt	65.43	67.46	+0.16	1.87
European Exempt	91.94	94.79	-0.75	1.87
Pacific Exempt	81.27	83.17†	+0.67	1.18
US Exempt	92.09	94.94	+0.44	1.43
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	54.04	57.49	+0.94	..
Cap Protector Inc	43.55	46.33	-0.12	2.81
UK Income Inc	56.47	60.07	-0.37	3.20
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.71	36.93	-0.09	5.12
Mngd High Yld Inc	84.71	90.12†	-0.32	4.44
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	89.75	95.98†	-0.03	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	37.96	40.38†	+0.77	1.67
Pacific Grth Port	49.16	52.30	+0.66	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	268.69	284.33	+0.93	
-do- Accum	295.95	313.18	+1.03	
Brit Growth	111.17	117.64	+0.27	1.89
-do- Accum	136.24	144.17	+0.34	1.89
European	116.52	123.30	-0.28	
-do- Accum	124.01	131.23	-0.30	.
Extra Income	205.29	217.23	+0.37	3.69
-do- Accum	361.76	382.81	+0.57	3.69
Smaller Cos	81.52	86.27	+1.12	1.05
-do- Accum	92.68	98.05	+1.27	1.05
General	330.19	349.40	+0.83	2.24
-do- Accum	691.77	732.03	+1.75	2.24
Premier Income	51.48	53.62†	+0.04	6.73
-do- Accum	122.45	127.55†	+0.10	6.73
Income	365.08	375.75†	+0.22	3.57
-do- Accum	806.46	853.40†	+0.49	3.57
Pacific	422.62	447.21	+6.92	
-do- Accum	444.07	469.91	+7.28	.
International	603.29	638.39†	+3.93	
-do- Accum	794.84	841.10†	+5.17	.
Nat Resources	178.13	188.49†	+1.94	
Sectl Opps	124.65	131.90	+0.48	1.44
-do- Accum	161.20	170.58	+0.62	1.44
Environmental Inv	71.28	75.43	+0.46	1.41
Selector	69.72	73.78†	+0.32	1.61
-do- Accum	80.13	84.79†	+0.36	1.61
High Income	68.84	72.85	+0.13	4.15
-do- Accum	89.76	94.99	+0.17	4.15
Intl Income	63.67	67.37	+0.04	5.39
-do- Accum	81.53	86.27	+0.05	5.39
Selector Income	64.95	68.73†	+0.02	4.15
-do- Accum	79.41	84.04†	+0.03	4.15
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0161 667 1018				
British	371.44	390.99	-1.28	2.74
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	224.45	240.06	+0.35	2.23
Glob Balncd Inc	188.49	201.59†	+0.08	3.58
Value Tst Inc	132.10	141.29	-0.19	2.10
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	45.27	47.18	-0.12	6.78
European Growth	303.09	317.30	-2.14	0.40
Exempt	604.57	631.60†	-2.31	2.63
Global Em Mkts	79.03	82.75	+0.73	0.37
Japan Tst	83.37	87.29	+1.17	0.90
Little Dragons	89.93	94.16	+0.35	
Nth Amer Gwth	278.94	292.06	+0.05	0.49
Oriental Income #	45.92	48.08	+0.60	2.39
Preference	128.49	134.53†	+0.25	8.72
Tiger	279.43	292.58	+1.53	..
UK Blue Chip	72.06	75.45	-0.24	1.75
UK Growth	589.43	616.15†	-1.76	2.06
UK high Yield #	109.25	114.39†	-0.43	4.39
UK Mid-Cap	276.98	290.03†	-1.12	2.15
UK Smlr Cos	115.42	120.85	+0.54	0.97
UK Smlr Cos Div #	87.30	91.41	-0.10	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	106.65	113.46	-0.19	3.44
UK Equity Growth	94.87	100.93	-0.16	2.74
European	73.98	78.70	-0.55	1.49
Nth American	82.59	87.86†	+0.06	0.16
Far Eastern	74.37	79.12	+0.13	0.97
Money	69.30	69.30	+0.01	5.27
Fixed Interest	77.12	82.04	-0.09	5.74
Index Linked Gilt	70.27	74.75	-0.13	1.27
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	104.38	104.38	+0.24	6.91
UK Index Tracking	120.66	120.66	+0.26	2.83
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	25.39	26.71	+0.10	.
Pacific Basin	44.18	46.50	+0.57	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.9112	0.9497	+0.0022	..
Penny Share	43.55	45.84	+0.35	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	93.18	101.80†	+0.40	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	121.00	122.60	+0.20	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7670	0.7771	+0.0009	..
Gilt Income	52.64	54.78	+0.13	6.75
Gilt Growth	76.76	79.88	+0.34	..
Sterling Bond	49.72	51.54†	+0.11	7.60
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	52.27	55.55	-0.10	1.63
UK Stockmarket	90.34	96.10	-0.08	2.54

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return).

... (0037) 1.50 Mighty Mark (25913) 3.00 Rhode (45462) 3.30 Zorro (86424) 4.00 The Golden Arrow (1964) (50776043)

Modest gains at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2937½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2931½	+6	4.4	10.8
648	413	Abbey Nat	642	+7	3.8	12.9
368	250	Allied Irish	357	+4	4.8	10.4
291	199	Aus New Z	291	+2	5.5	.
41625	29311	Bank Montreal	41625	+375	.	.
376	191½	Bank Scotland	372	+3	2.8	12.0
812½	257½	Barclays	785	-1	3.8	10.7
485	286	Bk of Ireland	473	+6	3.8	9.5
525	418	Cater Allen	453	.	8.0	8.8
46625	2450	Citicorp	4481½	+100½	.	.
3481½	2195	Close Bros	3181	.	3.4	14.4
21625	21225	Commercials	5149½	-134½	3.6	.
1375	993½	Dbt Iow Kas Y	1218½	+16½	0.4	.
32311	2775	Deutsche Bk	3100	-9½	2.4	.
8811	5685	Ezpanto Santa	5711½	-16½	6.2	7.6
1611	11385	Fuji Bank Y	1362	+30	0.4	.
498	385	Gerrard Nat	454	.	6.2	14.7
293	180	Hambros	291	.	4.7	.
982	588	HBOS	9971½	+23½	3.6	12.9
9711	678	HSBC Hk	9711½	+23	3.6	12.6
363	238	Irish Perm	363	+5	5.3	8.4
463	353	Joseph (L)	463	.	5.1	35.6
145	85	King Shaxson	136	+6	8.3	10.6
885	580	Lloyds	868	-9	3.9	13.3
552	478	Nat Aust Bk	552	+2	7.1	.
697	454	Nat West	668	-6	4.2	10.4
3600	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500	.	9.8	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	45	.	6.4	.
3695	3135	Rpl Bk Scot	3557	+10	3.7	12.4
1478	896	Schroders	1333	.	1.3	19.0
1180	823½	Schroders NV	1135	.	1.6	16.2
110	81	Singer & Fried	110	.	4.2	11.4
611½	246	Standd Chart	606	+10	1.9	15.2
416	217	TSB	408	+1	3.5	14.2
121	70	Ulster	112	+1	3.3	.
51454	38434	Wells Fargo	51239	+50	2.2	.
270	211	Westpac	2684	-1	2.2	.
295	200	Wmstrsd	275	.	5.2	16.7

BREWERIES

235	143	Assoc Hldgs	233	.	.	0.5
701	487	Bass	680	+3	3.9	16.6
449	238	Boddington	445	+7	2.6	22.9
192	137	Burtonwd Brwr	181	-1	3.7	17.5
186	132	Eldridge P 'A'	174	+1	3.1	27.1
453	328	Fuller Sm 'A'	450	.	2.8	17.5
540	402	Greenalls Gp	537	+10	3.1	15.5
658	458	Greene King	628	.	2.8	16.8
297	240	Hardy Hanson	288	.	4.2	13.5
180	150	Heinekn	155	.	3.4	11.8
3425	3048	Hrd J	3113	.	2.2	16.7
347	219	Marstwkfrt	332	-1	3.1	16.2
321	266	Mirrion Thmp	313	+1	2.3	15.5
543	3911½	Morland	5311	+6	2.6	.
9½	6½	Paramount	7¾	.	3.8	11.8
686	367	Regent Inns	665	.	1.4	23.8
2200	1287½	SA Breweries	2200	.	1.6	29.4
640	482	Scot & Nwc	597	.	3.6	16.9
337	230	Scot & Nwc PrP	330	.	.	.
309	211	Vaux Group	262	-2	4.7	14.8
640	449	Wellerspoon JD1	621	.	1.6	.
679	521	Whitbreadd	668	+1	3.8	16.5
585	483	Whitbreadvn D	580	+1	3.3	17.5
309	166	Yates Brdy	309	+1	1.3	27.3
479	425	Young 'A'1	436	.	4.3	17.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

150	125	Abbey	140	.	4.7	9.1
198	143	Allen	195	.	3.5	14.5
100	54½	Amec	99	+½	3.8	20.9
375	193	Andrews Sykes	273	.	.	.
588	412	Ashtead	587	+20	1.8	16.7
109	37½	Ashtons	98	.	10.6	6.2
38	23	Bailey (Geo) Con	36	.	5.2	6.1
41½	30	Barcom	35	.	.	.
238	156	Barratt Devs	224	.	4.2	14.0
282	189	Beazer Homes	165½	+½	3.6	12.9
266	189	Bellway	256	+1	3.9	.
37	15	Bellwinch	17	+½	1.5	9.1
479	315	Bernerley Gp	479	+4	2.0	14.9
185	160	Bett Bros	177	-1	3.9	.
295	196	Boyd (Kenny)	198	.	4.6	9.3
124	81	Brandon Hire	90	.	3.2	15.9
48	17	Britannia Grp	35	+1	8.0	4.9
160	36	Br Bldg & Eng	48	.	2.0	5.5
134	93	Bryant	103	+5	6.1	9.4
121	98	CALA	111	.	3.6	16.2
38	16	Campbell & Ann	18	.	.	14.3
64	43	Clarke T	49	.	10.4	17.6
242½	67	Cordon	74	.	.	.
110	53	Countryside	75	-2	7.0	10.7
81	33	Crest Nicholson	65	.	3.8	9.1
98	70	Cuscnc	88	+2	5.9	7.0
293	165	Evs Group	193	+13	7.1	10.4
29	13	Galliford	19	.	6.6	38.6
863	738	Gleeson (MJ)	738	.	2.5	.
86	61	Green (Ernest)	61	.	10.5	35.6
273	178	Hawtwick Exprt	273	.	1.5	13.0
158	115	Hawden-Stuart	138	.	2.6	14.7
93	73	Higgs & Hill	93	.	3.4	29.0
21	14	Howard Hdgs	15	.	6.7	17.5
29½	6	Jones	29½	.	.	.
137	98	Kelter	133	.	3.6	12.9
255	185	Laing (J)	246	.	4.4	31.5
103	85	Laing 5.4% Cv Pf	103	+1	7.8	3.6
18	12	Lovell (A)	15½	+½	1.3	21.4
210	126	Mansell	186	.	3.8	9.3
161	104	McAlpine (A)	134	.	5.6	15.3
66	48	McCarthy & S	66	.	4.2	18.3
78	51	Morgan Sindall	75	.	1.4	.
121	116	Morrison Cons	121	.	3.1	11.8
53	53	Mowlem (J)	60	.	4.2	25.9
216	162	Persimmon	181	+1	6.6	12.5
174½	76½	Pochins	100	.	2.0	12.2
125	94	Prowsiezt	112	.	4.2	14.9
53	33	Ranch Ind	37	.	1.1	.
53	45	Secure Retire	49	+1	2.6	9.3
139	93	Redrow	126	+½	3.1	11.7
398	345	Sherill Hdgs	345	.	2.3	12.6
117½	78	Shanco	77	.	6.5	11.8
250	196	Shanden	233	.	1.0	12.4
176	143	Tay Homes	149	.	5.9	10.2
130	99	Taylor Woodrw	112½	-½	2.5	21.4
568	415	Tilbury Dougc	443	.	8.3	15.1
39½	28	Torer Hee	32	.	5.1	13.7
61	42	Transformwood	60	.	.	4.1
11	9	Try Group	9	-½	6.9	12.6
108	76	Vibroklean	76	.	6.8	5.6
176	93	Washmores	165	.	5.4	9.6
69	37	Ward Hdgs	46	.	4.1	10.3
190	123	Westburyrt	183	.	4.9	13.6
9½	2½	Wiggins	3	.	.	20.6
174	124	Wilson (C)	152	.	3.7	11.3
372	308	Wilson Bowdn	347	.	3.6	12.7
158	97	Wimpey G	131	-3	5.2	19.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

2	0½	Angle Ltd	1	.	.	.
110	57	App Hsty	82	.	.	.
7¾	5½	Bailey (CH)	6½	.	.	.
59	36	Black Arrowt	36	-1	10.8	5.3
68	60	Br Bloodstock	66	.	.	26.4
9	3	Cated Gp	9¼	.	.	.
9½	4½	Chemex	9	.	2.1	18.8
161	135	Cossh	156	.	7.3	.
377	215	Finlay	256	+1	1.4	17.7
43	24	Hastings	33	.	.	30.8
46	28	Hoskyns	35	.	2.4	18.5
168	123	Lagn	127	.	7.7	13.2
231	182	Nobo Gp	188	.	5.6	9.2
205	151	Pnsb-Mkt	162	.	3.9	14.2
68	53	Pzet & Gerry	58	.	5.8	6.3
11	9½	Rentokil	11¼	.	.	.
104	73	Shanks & McEwan	100	.	4.3	20.8
213	160	Sisclair (Wm)	186	-5	5.1	.
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	324	+1	.	12.3
148	73	Waste Recng	124	.	1.2	36.9

CHEMICALS

198	146	Albright & Wil	157½	+½	4.8	16.5
137	109	Allied Colloids	127½	+1½	2.5	18.0
245	196	Amber Indt	208	.	3.4	15.5
71	47	Amersley Cp	70	.	2.1	19.7
5147½	5130½	BASF Dfd	5143½	-134½	3.2	.
905	689	BOC	869	-1	3.8	16.9
303	235	BTP	294	.	5.4	14.0
6171½	6141½	Bayer DM50	6169½	-165½	3.5	.
155	103	Blagden	150	-1	.	.
119	75	Brent Chems	75	.	5.3	30.5
278	200	Br Vita	265	-1	4.8	13.0
229	184	Canning (Wm)	223	.	4.2	15.0
495½	352	Clariant(Nq	369½	-2	5.0	17.9
397½	328	Crodnt	393	-2	3.4	14.5
233	125	Dselbrn	214	-1	3.4	13.5
282	224	Elm & Everard	252	.	4.1	14.9
107	58	Exm Colour	95	-1	2.6	22.5
224	114	Gibbon	214	.	3.6	17.9
145	85	Hickson	90	.	5.8	8.8
2168½	2123½	Hoechst	2167½	-162½	3.1	.
221½	172	Holliday Chems	173	.	3.6	12.3
8494	6800	ICI	8230	-10	4.7	14.5
369	198½	Imperial	352	-3	1.9	23.2
159	97½	Kalon	106	.	5.4	12.1
852	620	Laporte	791	+2	3.7	16.1
85	69	MTM	85	.	3.1	11.7
385	288	Manders	288	.	4.8	13.0
66	30	Metrotect	38	-6	5.0	14.5
516	382½	Mortenson	4004	-114	5.1	17.8
425	290	Porvair	370	.	1.7	27.1
250	188	Scapa	219	-3	3.8	15.6
34	16	Stalcide Sportcf	27	.	1.5	33.5
6294	4654	Tokyo Chem	5751½	+19½	0.9	12.9
188	168	Washington Hsg	230	.	3.4	19.1
798	708	Wrn-Inglis	798	.	3.4	15.5

DISTRIBUTORS

107½	88½	AB Lebr	94	.	5.8	.
595	495	Adam & Harwyt	498	.	4.9	6.5
21	13½	Alexanders	13½	-½	6.5	22.5
113	88	Appleyard	90	.	6.3	9.7
4½	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½	.	2.1	28.5
623	518	BOC Group	565	.	4.3	15.3
38	31	Bandk	38	+1	.	.
24½	15½	Bearing Pwrs	16½	.	7.6	8.1
29	18	Bongd 'A'	28	.	3.4	9.2
483	345	Bolmore	456	.	3.9	16.7
31	10½	Bridgend Gpt	17	.	1.5	.
96	78	Brit Thornyc	91	.	4.9	12.3
270	215	Caltrns	253	.	5.7	18.0
88	54	Central Mtr	67	.	3.3	8.3
60	35	Cook (DC)	57	.	3.3	8.3
327½	229	Cowie	277	-1	4.3	12.0
155	125	Dng Motors	139	.	7.0	10.6
598	388	Dennans B	598	.	2.9	11.1
501	408	Dobbins	455	+2	4.3	.
341	286	Electrocomponents	338	+8	4.3	17.5
242	153	Exmers Elec	232	.	4.3	20.7
235	64	Eurodollar	67	+1	15.3	3.8
625	512	Farnell Elect	601	+14	3.8	19.8
72	48	Fbs Indmw	66	.	6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardner	18	.	9.4	8.4
91	66	Glenchewton	86	+3	3.5	.
188	61	Gowrings	188	+1	3.3	14.3
187	148	Harns (Pratfd)	186	+4	4.8	12.9
201	142	Headlamt	198	.	.	17.2
254	258	Hemlys	250	.	6.8	13.2
137	81	Holdens Tech	134	.	5.6	25.5
163	88	ISA Indt	150	.	1.4	18.4
498	226½	Inchcape	232	-2	7.9	12.9
88	53	Jacks (Wm)	88	.	5.5	13.1
188	142	Kwik-Fit	181	-½	3.2	15.5
3580	2645	Lex Service	2880	-1	6.2	13.4
185	146	Lookers	168	.	6.4	8.2
11	8	Mclaren Grp	11	.	5.3	15.2
8½	5	Middleton	8½	.	0.8	18.8
71	26	Motorsns	34	.	.	5.4
534	330	Norcros	534	-1	1.2	17.5
368	78	Northumbrian	354	+4	0.9	20.9
155	126	PCT	137	.	7.0	9.8
280	233	Pendragon	273	+1	3.8	14.3
1477½	1034½	SHC 'B'	1359½	+18½	3.1	17.3
692	423	Sytner Grp	687	+4	3.8	19.3
146	126	Uacdc Group	146	.	2.6	19.1
198	160	REA	188	-1	2.7	22.4
5	3	Reece	3	.	.	.
73	46	Rentokil	52½	.	3.0	10.7
99	2½	Ross Gp	6½	.	.	.
186	135	SSP Indl	186	.	2.5	19.7
17½	8½	Salmo	10	.	.	5.7
749	398	TLS	698	.	3.4	11.8
258	236	Time Products	254	.	4.6	14.7
575	151	Vardy (Reg)	275	+6	2.6	17.5
393	240	Wholesale Fbs	323	+13	4.5	20.2
80	57½	Wilkinsnrt	66	.	1.7	13.8
90	56½	Wyko	68	.	.	.
104	68	Young (H)	103	.	4.4	15.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

175	120	Abwest	125	+1½	7.8	10.0
353	235	Ashtonpatzcrt	283	.	2.0	13.3
940	728	Bolton Hld	890	-1	2.7	20.7
348	291	BTR	334½	-3½	5.2	14.5
485	354	BMTY	457½	+3½	5.1	12.7
179½	144	Barclays Int	175	.	3.9	17.2
131	71	Bibby (J)	117	.	6.1	.
51	40½	Brierley Inv	50	+½	6.7	9.7
948	743	Charter	783	.	3.9	12.8
598	388	Cookson	598	-5	2.5	19.5
511	408	Dalkeith	455	.	4.4	13.2
343	286	Electrocomponents	338	+8	4.3	17.5
242	153	Exmers Elec	232	.	4.3	20.7
235	64	Eurodollar	67	+1	15.3	3.8
625	512	Farnell Elect	601	+14	3.8	19.8
72	48	Fbs Indmw	66	.	6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardner	18	.	9.4	8.4
91	66	Glenchewton	86	+3	3.5	.
188	61	Gowrings	188	+1	3.3	14.3
187	148	Harns (Pratfd)	186	+4	4.8	12.9
201	142	Headlamt	198	.	.	17.2
254	258	Hemlys	250	.	6.8	13.2
137	81	Holdens Tech	134	.	5.6	25.5
163	88	ISA Indt	150	.	1.4	18.4
498	226½	Inchcape	232	-2	7.9	12.9
88	53	Jacks (Wm)	88	.	5.5	13.1
188	142	Kwik-Fit	181	-½	3.2	15.5
3580	2645	Lex Service	2880	-1	6.2	13.4
185	146	Lookers	168	.	6.4	8.2
11	8	Mclaren Grp	11	.	5.3	15.2
8½	5	Middleton	8½	.	0.8	18.8
71	26	Motorsns	34	.	.	5.4
534	330	Norcros	534	-1	1.2	17.5
368	78	Northumbrian	354	+4	0.9	20.9
155	126	PCT	137	.	7.0	9.8
280	233	Pendragon	273	+1	3.8	14.3
1477½	1034½	SHC 'B'	1359½	+18½	3.1	17.3
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146	126	Uacdc Group	146	.	2.6	19.1
198	160	REA	188	-1	2.7	22.4
5	3	Reece	3	.	.	.
73	46	Rentokil	52½	.	3.0	10.7
99	2½	Ross Gp	6½	.	.	.
186	135	SSP Indl	186	.	2.5	19.7
17½	8½	Salmo	10	.	.	5.7
749	398	TLS	698	.	3.4	11.8
258	236	Time Products	254	.	4.6	14.7
575	151	Vardy (Reg)	275	+6	2.6	17.5
393	240	Wholesale Fbs	323	+13	4.5	20.2
80	57½	Wilkinsnrt	66	.	1.7	13.8
90	56½	Wyko	68	.	.	.
104	68	Young (H)	103	.	4.4	15.8

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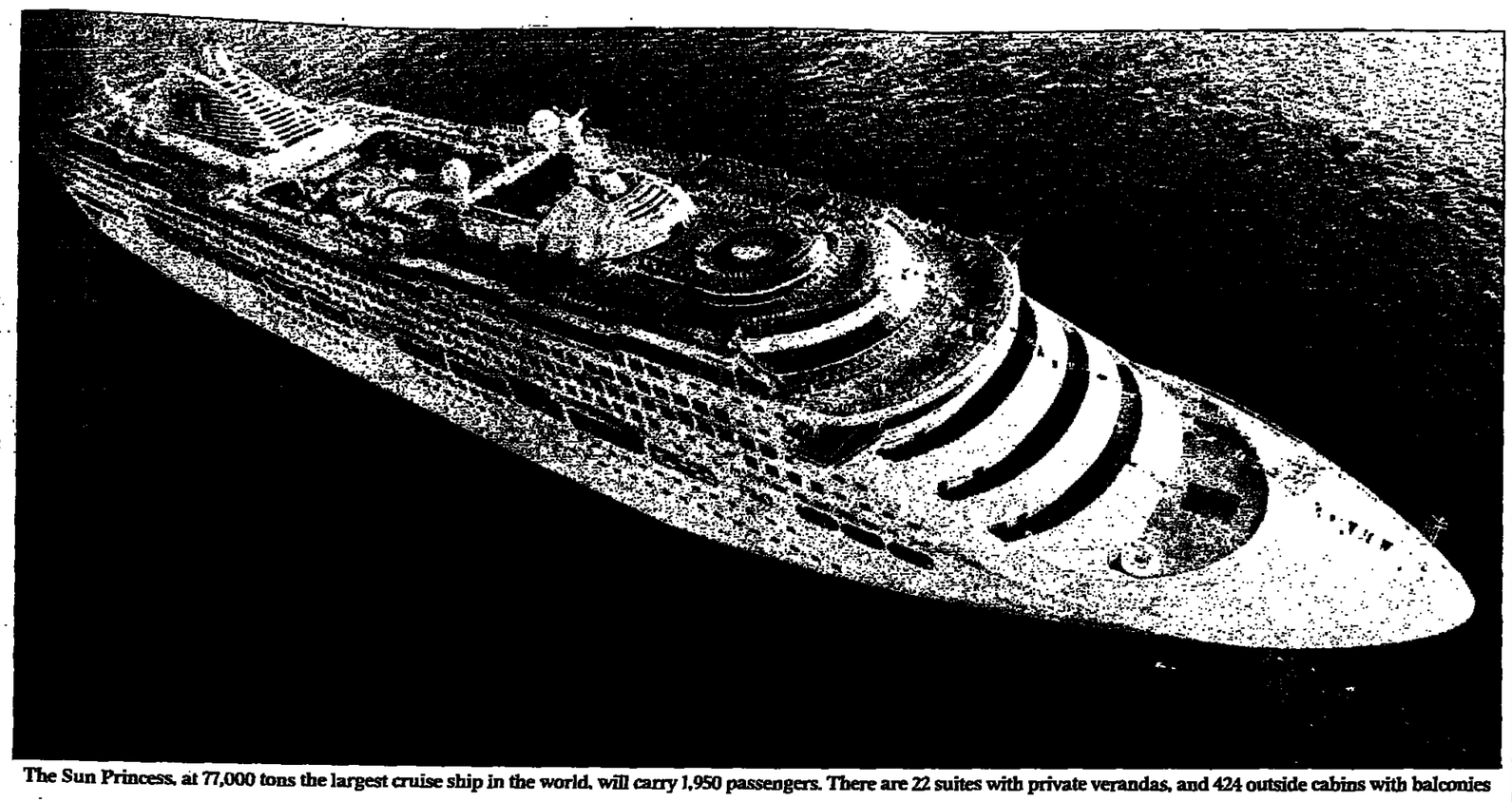
524	292	Acal	524	+15	1.9	21.0
159	77½	Acorn Comp	148	.	.	.
800	625	Admiral	796	.	1.3	20.9
261	195	Alba	252	+1	2.6	17.2
296½	127½	Amstrad	284½	-2½	1.2	.
41	31	Arlen	33	-2	2.3	11.4
131	77	Azec	121½	-½	1.3	18.9
573	116	Aztec	496	.	0.8	22.1
364	299	BICC	294	-3	5.5	16.7
258	235	Beales Hunter	235	.	5.4	12.6
525	437	Bicc	468	.	3.3	14.4
435	264	Bowthorpet	431	+3	2.7	19.7
27	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	26½	+½	1.9	10.5
201	117	CML Micro	136	.	5.6	14.1
59	17	Channel Hdgs	38	-1	5.9	7.9
28½	18	Chloride	25½	.	5.1	18.7
88	61	Clayhithe	75	.	5.1	18.7
208	105	Copymore	208	.	4.9	27.1
170	41½	Corp Elect	50	.	8.2	.
648	462	Crecnley	633	.	2.8	21.2
907	330	Dwks & Sys	340	.	0.5	29.2
533	388	Delfort	387	-5	5.1	13.3
565	365	Domino	403	.	3.1	13.2
72	61	Dowding Mills	64	.	5.4	17.0
2450	1465	Druck	2450	+75	0.7	32.1
3540½	2490½	Electrolux 'B'	2784½	+82½	4.5	4.2
1659½	850	Emcon 'B'	1550	+12½	2.6	10.7
104	64	Esnocopy	73	+1	3.7	14.6
375	370	Eurotherm	368	.	1.4	25.7
342	375	Exley Group	323	.	1.7	22.0
265	165	Filtronic Com	263	.	0.8	41.1
340	195	Forward Gp	306	-3	1.4	25.9
180	40	Forward Techt	82	.	3.8	14.4
341	266	BEC	317	-4	4.5	15.1
171	122	Gooday	158	.	6.4	11.7
171	113	Gresham Comp	165	-2	4.4	20.3
207	113	Hartnt (Peter)	198	.	3.2	37.4
37	14	Hotrak	29	.	3.4	17.2
320	220	Kenwood App	286	.	5.3	10.6
107	50	Kode	101	+2	.	.
49	38	LPA Ind	34	.	2.2	15.2
3300	2560	MTL Inst	3272	+7	1.5	34.2
298	254	Marwier-Se	298	-4	2.4	17.7
53½	30½	Microvisn	52½	.	1.9	17.7
439	291	Mitel	415	+2	.	.
464	315	Oxford Inst	415	.	1.8	16.4
1425	1000	Oxley Systemsct	1181	.	2.5	15.1
112	73	Pace	108	+8	0.6	32.5
3321½	1906½	Philips Lng ov	3603½	-9½	1.5	10.3
349	217	Pilcr	321	.	2.8	13.8
327	207	Pilcr 'A' Vtg	311	.	2.8	13.2
254	158	Pilcmic	251	.	2.8	11.4
137	83	Pressac	136	.	3.2	.
54	23	Prestwich	39	.	.	15.5
358	277	Psion	768	+69	0.6	32.5
31	15	Quadrant Gp	15	.	2.1	41.8
295	217	Racal Elect	285	.	2.5	19.4
83	44	Radamect	83	.	3.3	18.4
449	301	Rakbrd	407	+6	.	22.9
386	202½	Robtrns	280	.	2.4	13.8
9	5	Scantronic	8	.	.	.
58	38	Sherwins	53	+1	2.5	14.1
5	2	Soundtrac	3½	.	9.1	9.9
235	163	Stores	235	.	2.5	15.8
5	3	TDS Circuits	3	.	.	.
34989½	24989½	TDK	33211½	+69½	1.0	.
378	37	Tadpole Tech	78	-10	.	.
188	57	Telemetrix	158	.	1.9	22.2
185	83	TGI	97	.	3.5	12.2
1048	342	Tallaxc	1048	+30	0.5	52.3
289	225	Thorpe FW	258	+4	2.0	15.2
184	130	TLG	165	-1	1.8	17.7
38	16	Total Systems	22	.	.	22.9
520	222	Tunstall	310	+3	1.6	.
587	380	Unilock	516	+3	1.8	19.0
134	80	Vinty	112	-½	1.9	10.1
465	366	Volex	458	.	5.7	15.1
79	22	Waterbourne	33	.	.	3.7
187	122	Wilcsson	186	.	1.0	.

ENGINEERING

347	187	ABM	320	.	1.6	.
97	47½	APV	81	-3	4.6	.
248	108	ASW	108	-25	7.2	9.2
158	133	Ash & Lacy	153	.	4.3	11.5
158	42	Atlas Equip	42½	.	1.2	22.5
153	118	Aurotian Metal	138	.	5.3	27.5
102	79	Bl Group	102	.	5.9	13.0
187	112½	Babcock	149½	+½	2.2	.
165	122	BWT	143	.	6.4	13.8
105	77	Bayles (Charles)	99	.	2.8	17.2
39½	23	Bedford	37	.	2.1	9.3
130	80	Bellair	95	.	7.0	.
421	308	Bodycote	402	.	1.9	20.5
81	33	Booth Indl	38	+3	.	.
31	13½	Bowsley	17	.	4.3	16.5
157½	122½	Brown W	150	.	3.3	22.1
623	418½	Br Aerospace	622	+2	1.7	39.7
191	144	Br Sheeff	189	-1½	6.3	4.9
14½	10½	Brooke Tool	13	.	1.0	30.1
49	32½	Brunt	32½	.	2.0	12.5
180	121	Bullough	122	.	6.2	11.8
123	71	Bwsfield	108	.	3.5	15.6
334	226	Carclo Eng	316	+2	3.9	17.2
194	150	Castings	190	-2	2.4	15.3
168	145	Chamberlin Hthf	158	.	6.7	9.4
385	284	Chrtnhlg	378	.	3.4	18.2
225	180	Clyde Blowers	205	.	3.7	.
451	362	Coloursfy	451	+1	2.4	27.4
725	535	Coran (A)	645	.	1.2	5.9
283	148	Concentric	172	+1	4.9	.
243	210	Cook (Wm)	226	-2	4.6	9.2
240	189½	Cvad Group	213	.	4.9	10.0
133	88	Dobson Park	122	.	5.0	26.8
417	330	EIS	382	.	4.2	13.9
111	91	Elliott (B)	111	.	3.1	11.7
94	71	Expamet	93	.	2.2	17.6
186	139½	Fki	166	-2	3.7	15.4
450	198½	Fireco	198	.	1.5	9.1
39	1½	Flomat	1½	.	.	.
131	77	Gec Int	131	.	3.4	15.8
199	117	Gerbol Engr	188	.	3.8	10.2
378	282	Gyrowtrl	366	-6	5.1	12.4
13½	10½	Gogrshwl	12½	+½	5.1	12.4
88	58	Hadnt MacLn	84	.	3.3	22.0
198	155	Hall Eng	195	.	1.9	16.5
215	135	Hall Eng	194	.	3.9	.
37	18	Hay (George)	34	.	3.3	22.0
171	126	Holma	171	.	1.6	23.0
97	56	Hampson Ind	49	-2½	5.7	9.2
37	18	Hay (George)	37	.	.	.
107	68	Hill & Smith	107	.	6.8	13.5
57	28	Hopkinsonsnt	32	.	5.1	.
191	144	Hor Gort	31	-2	3.8	.
95	70	Howden	73½	.	4.6	9.7
218	162	Hunting	213	-2	3.8	12.5
3425	2600	Hydn-Elect	3151	-1	4.2	28.5
2	1½	Ibstock Johnsn	2	.	.	6.9
2033	1660	Ibstock Plc	1660	-10	4.8	12.9
194	169½	Ind Prec	194	.	4.6	10.5
164	126	Fenchurch Gp	135

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The Sun Princess, at 77,000 tons the largest cruise ship in the world, will carry 1,950 passengers. There are 22 suites with private verandas, and 424 outside cabins with balconies

High life on the ocean wave

When P&O's latest liner, Sun Princess, sets sail tomorrow, she will open a new chapter in the history of cruising, says Derwent May

Today the largest cruise ship in the world will be named at Fort Lauderdale in Florida. Tomorrow she will set off on her first Caribbean cruise — fully booked. She is the 77,000-ton *Sun Princess*, the latest ship to be built for P&O's Princess Line.

Sun Princess marks a new chapter in the history of cruising. Like a vast floating hotel on 14 decks, she will carry 1,950 passengers, many of them in staterooms of exceptional comfort — there are 22 suites with private verandas, and 424 outside cabins with private balconies.

No more of those tightly screwed-up portholes to peer through. You can step straight from your bedroom into a little roofed sunroom of your own, embedded in the side of the ship, and sit there, taking in the fresh air and drinking, as you watch the ocean and the islands go by.

The traditional, rather formal life aboard ship can give way, if you like, to a day and night planned entirely to suit yourself. There will be a traditional dinner in the two main dining rooms every evening, but even here the tables are arranged in small, intimate groups on three levels.

Apart from that, there is a 24-hour international food court, where you can scoff as much as you like whenever you like, and an Italian-style pizzeria — the Verdi — where you can eat among wrought ironwork and latticework terracotta tiles any time from midmorning to midnight.

All the food, whatever way you choose to eat, is included in the cost of the voyage. This is Liberty Hall! On a normal seven-day cruise, the *Sun Princess* will take aboard 2,000lb of king crab claws, 2,000lb of lobster tails, 300lb of whole lobsters, 2,000lb of sirloin steak, 400lb of strawberries and much more.

Although the ship is huge, she is designed so that you can tell where you are at a glance. A vast colourful atrium, where the lighting changes from hour to hour, runs up through the four main decks, and most of the bars, restaurants and other places of entertainment radiate off it. You can see at once if the fun looks better up above or down below — that is all part of the informal style of life on board.

> 'There is an intimacy to be found within the grandeur'

There is, of course, an open-air sports deck, and there are five swimming pools and five Jacuzzis. A wide promenade deck is wrapped round the ship — a feature that was commonly found, and very popular, in older ships, but one which has often been dropped in newer vessels.

Theatres are located fore and aft. In the computerised golf centre you can hit a ball at a distant flag portrayed on a screen, and find out from the computer how near you are to the hole. You will be able to imagine that you are playing at some of the most famous golf courses in the world — no caddy needed.

There are also state-of-the-art centres with games both elaborate and simple for teenagers and children to enjoy. The average age of people taking cruises has been coming down in the past two years, and the *Sun Princess* has been planned to appeal to families with children as much as to couples.

This is the new world of cruising, where the benefits of size are combined with an economy of scale, so there is more variety and choice of things to do, and an intimacy to be found within the grandeur. There are so many plants and flowers dividing the areas on *Sun Princess* that there is a full-time gardener in the crew.

The master of the *Sun Princess* is Captain Augusto Lagomarsini, or "Lago" as he likes to be called — a tall, bearded man who was promoted to master 25 years ago. He has a crew of 900: the bar and reception staff are mainly British, the dining and galley staff mainly Italian.

> 'Princess Line will be adding two more great ships to its fleet by 1998'

Sun Princess will not keep her lead as the largest cruise-ship for very long. In the Fincantieri shipyard at Monfalcone, near Trieste, where she was built, a 100,000-ton ship, *Destiny*, is about to be launched for the US-based Carnival Cruise Lines.

Princess Line will itself be adding two more great ships to its fleet by 1998 — the *Dawn Princess*, a sister ship to *Sun Princess*, and the *Grand Princess* which at 104,000 tons will in turn eclipse *Destiny*. With these three Princess superliners, the line's capacity will have been increased by 70 per cent, with 750,000 passengers annually, compared with the present 430,000.

There are inevitably hazards in cruising. Last Christmas, Cunard's *QE2* set off across the Atlantic with her refit unfinished. In the autumn, the *Oriana*, another new P&O ship, had trouble with a faulty electricity generator and rough weather prevented she from getting into some scheduled Mediterranean ports.

However, when *Sun Princess* sails off into the Caribbean tomorrow she is expecting to avoid any such problems. She will cruise in the Caribbean for the winter months, and in the summer will start cruising in Alaskan waters.

The Alaskan voyages will bring out the pleasure of the balconies and the verandas to the full, as the spectacular northern seascapes and scenery open up. P&O says a great many newcomers to cruising start on the Alaskan trips.

But on these occasions, too, all the panoply of sport and entertainment will be there to while away the days and nights.

Caribbean sun warms Alaskan ice

After wintering in the Tropics, the cruises start from Vancouver for a taste of northern exposure

Cruises on *Sun Princess* begin at Fort Lauderdale on the east coast of Florida until next April. First port of call, on the next day, is a secluded beach at Princess Cays among the tiny islands of the Bahamas, where a barbecue awaits.

Then the ship heads south, sailing for a day past Cuba, and turning west to anchor at Montego Bay in Jamaica. Here the passengers who disembark for the day can go rafting, or climb the rugged Dunn's River falls.

On, westward, that night to the Cayman Islands, and a stop next day at Grand Cayman, with its Seven Mile Beach and the world's best diving. Then on to Playa del Carmen on the Mexican coast. Here, there are ancient ruins to be explored here — or passengers can spend the day on the island of Cozumel. A final day at sea steaming northeast takes the *Sun Princess* back to Fort Lauderdale.

The summer cruises in Alaska, which begin in May, unfold totally different sights. *Sun Princess* begins her voyage at Vancouver (for an extra £295 you can spend four days in the Canadian Rockies before she sails). This is a cruise among the coastal islands and bays of the Gulf of Alaska.

A day at sea going north through the Inside Passage between the mainland and the islands brings you to Juneau, the state capital. Here you can get into the Gold Rush mood with the honky-tonk piano of the Red Dog Saloon, and even do a little gold-panning — or take a helicopter across the icefields and land among the blue crevasses of the Norris Glacier.

Skagway, further north, was the gateway to the Klondike goldfields, and was known during the Gold Rush as the toughest place on earth. Here you can take a trip through the waterfalls and wilderness on the White Pass Railroad.

Up now to Yakutat Bay, with towering ice castles floating around you, and the sight of great slabs of ice tumbling with thunderous echoes into the calm waters of the bay.

After this, *Sun Princess* heads south again for her last port of call, Sitka, known as the Paris of the North before 1867, when Alaska still belonged to Russia. Finally back to Vancouver, through the Inside Passage again, with a last look at the icy mountains, and the chance of spotting eagles, seals and whales.

D.M.



Summertime sightseeing on an Alaskan glacier

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With theatres, nightclubs, discos, casinos, bars – even a computer game arcade – boredom will not be a problem, says **Guy Walters**

Fun is in deciding what to do next

Those who do not indulge in cruising often ask the question, "But what do you actually *do* all day?" Hardened cruisers give this as much thought as actors give to "But how do you manage to learn all those lines?" Cruisers find it tremendously easy to occupy themselves.

Besides, the question may be missing the point. There are many who will quite contentedly answer, "Absolutely nothing", but there are some who need to be entertained, and the *Sun Princess* has more than enough facilities to satisfy them.

The Princess Theatre would not look out of place in the West End. It boasts a 36ft proscenium arch stage, 550 Club-Class sized seats with interactive capabilities, an orchestra platform and a sophisticated lighting rig. It is decorated in an art deco style: a suitably decadent period to emulate.

> 'Some will be happy to sit and watch the sun chart its course'

The theatre will host variety shows and a circus troupe with jugglers and acrobats. It is unlikely that full-blown productions of *Hamlet* will take place, although the facilities are extensive enough to make even the RSC feel at home.

The aft Vista Lounge is a more relaxed, although no less lavish affair. A complicated web of fibre-optic lighting can be programmed to simulate various mood-enhancing settings. The stage area can be raised and lowered, which will no doubt delight some of the entertainers, such as Manhattan Transfer and Julio Iglesias. There is also a dance floor, from which you can admire the receding ocean as you samba, tango or move your hips occasionally.

For the more energetic, there is a fully-fledged nightclub called Shooting Stars, which is not somewhere Julio Iglesias would feel relaxed. The dance floor, which is transparent, is mounted over a bank of video screens, which gives the rather disconcerting impression of pop stars looking up your legs.

Those who are incapable of dancing may find the Grand Casino more to their taste, despite the many ways for one's wallet to be lightened. As well as the predictable blackjack, roulette and poker tables, there are also 150 fruit machines, which make the room look like Las Vegas-on-Sea.

Passengers who are too young to gamble will have to resort to the Fun Zone — the children's centre — which consists of a splash-pool, a theatre and a doll's house. It also has a computer game arcade — Cyberspace — which should have children demanding something a little superior to their Sega consoles for Christmas. It is highly likely, of course, that adults will take over Cyberspace.

Golfing fanatics can play a virtual round on the Princess Links — a computerised golf range which features some of the planet's top courses. Because they are as convincing as those on real golf courses, the *Sun Princess*'s virtual fairways will no doubt be busy.

The player, brandishing a real golf club, stands in front of a large screen, and the computer monitors the swing. The virtual ball can then be seen rocketing down the fairway, although on the first attempts it will probably end up in the virtual rough, or just dribble away from the tee.

However, there are real sports. Next to the boat's funnels there is a paddle tennis court, and there are four swimming pools. The Riviera Spa gymnasium contains every known piece of torture equipment to hone bodies into a shape that will belie a week's cruising, as well as saunas, massage rooms and an aerobics area.

Those masochists who like jogging will be refreshed to hear that a circuit of the boat is a quarter of a mile — far enough to work up a good sweat.

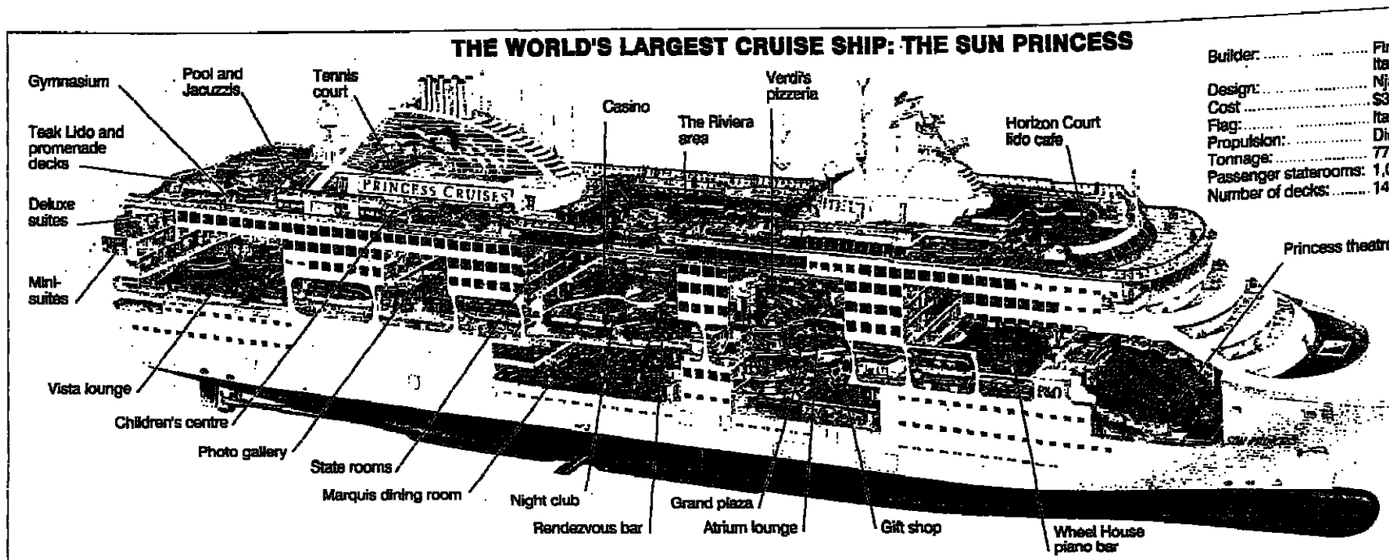
No doubt some of the boat's 1,950 passengers will not indulge in any of the above. Some will be happy to sit on their balconies and watch the sun chart its course, or watch television in their cabins.

Others may find enough entertainment in working out which is their favourite bar.



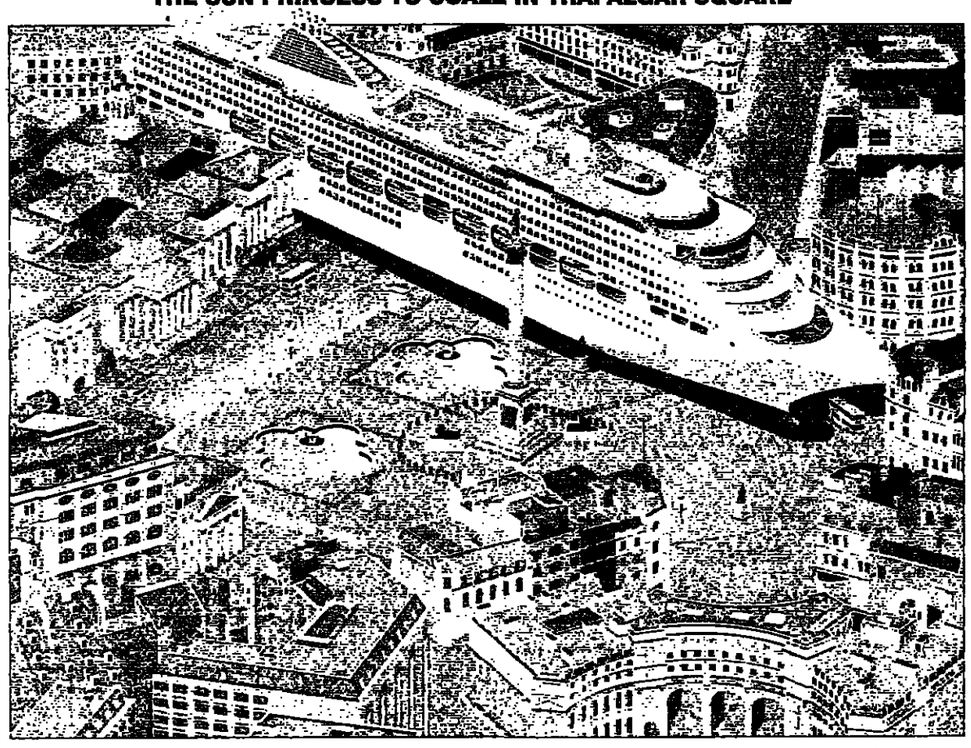
Variety shows in the 550-seater Princess Theatre

THE WORLD'S LARGEST CRUISE SHIP: THE SUN PRINCESS



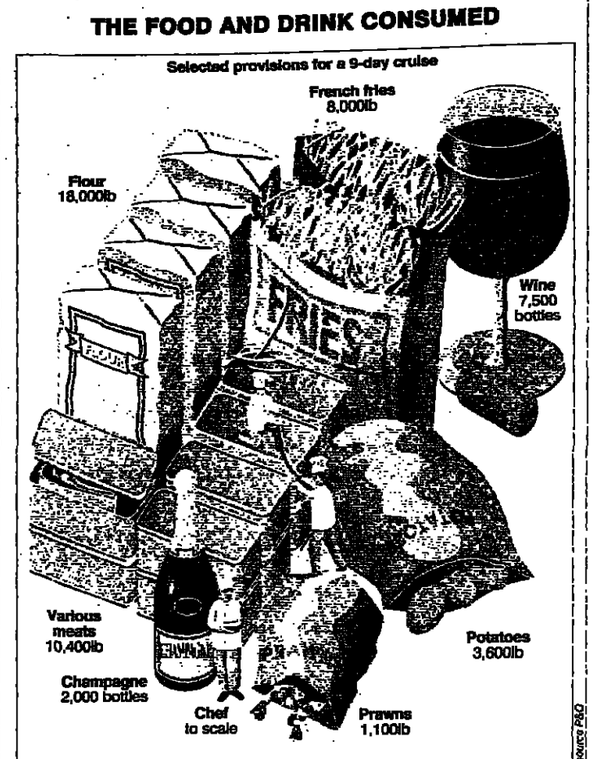
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Flag:	Italian
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Passenger staterooms:	1,050
Number of decks:	14

THE SUN PRINCESS TO SCALE IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE



THE FOOD AND DRINK CONSUMED

Selected provisions for a 9-day cruise



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HOW THE SUN PRINCESS COMPARES



Designed for the pursuit of happiness

Ship's design strikes balance between awesome size and intimacy

The *Sun Princess* is a town masquerading as a ship — with a population of 3,000, all it lacks are roads. There are theatres, bars, restaurants, a library, a nightclub, a casino, swimming pools, a fitness centre and many other facilities dedicated to the pursuit of happiness.

The ship took two and a half years to design. It seems a daunting task to the layman — where would one begin? "You simply start sketching on a blank sheet of paper," says Njal Eide, the Norwegian designer. "And you take it from there, always following the guidelines the client has given you."

Many compromises are made on the way, but then that is the essence of design. However, one specification was immutable — the beam. At just over 32 metres, the *Sun Princess* barely scrapes through the Panama Canal.

Passengers enter the *Sun Princess* through the atrium. This is a sumptuous affair, mainly built in Italian marble, and containing handwoven rugs, lifts, and even waterfalls. It stretches the height of four decks, and is like entering a vast hotel.

"We wanted to find a balance between having an awesome space and maintaining a relaxed feel," says Mr Eide. This has been achieved: the effect is impressive without being intimidating, thanks to the installation of many intimate spaces in and around the atrium.

On arrival, passengers will be shown to one of the 1,050 cabins, nearly two-thirds of which have sea views — 446 cabins have their own balconies. The cabins have a yellowy feel, indicative of the "sun" theme of the liner. All have their own bathrooms, some, of course, marbled.

An exploration of the decks will reveal more of the ship's distinctive design. Around the pool areas the deck levels are stepped and split. "This allows a nice flow between upper and lower decks," says Mr Eide, "rather than an abruptness associated with other ships."

The *Sun Princess* also abandons the use of a single large funnel — instead there are eight small funnels, behind a see-through cage. "This is transparent for both aesthetic and functional reasons," says Mr Eide. "It feels more modern, and it stops a build-up of emissions."

The vessel's most staggering feature is her size. She has 14 decks and a mass of 77,000 tons. With a length of 856 feet, she can nearly accommodate three football pitches, and four diesel engines can push the speed up to 21 knots. However, Mr Eide's team have ensured that none of the spaces gives the impression of enormity. Screens, walls, walkways and seating areas break up areas that would otherwise lack intimacy.

The Marquis dining room is a good example of this approach. Although it can seat at least 500, the restaurant never feels as ostentatiously large as, say, Conran's Mezzo in Soho. What's more, it's easy to get a drink on board.

G.W.

Marketing is key in crowded waters

As more firms take to the sea, passengers can count on value for money

Cruising is becoming bigger business all the time. Worldwide, there were 4.4 million passengers on cruises in 1994, and this year it is expected that the total will reach 4.6 million.

The great majority are from the United States; about one in ten is from the UK. By the millennium, there may be altogether eight million people going up and down on ships for their holiday every year.

Three cruise lines dominate the world scene — Princess, Carnival, and Royal Caribbean, with the Italian company Costa also in the running — but many smaller companies are also commissioning new ships.

Airtours and Thomson, the two largest mass-market tour operators in the United Kingdom, went into the business this year. They offered many cruises at around £600, about half the average cost hitherto, and some Mediterranean cruises at as little as about £400.

Airtours has had a great success with its first ship, *Seawing*, and Thomson has some good popular offers on *Sapphire*. Disney is also about to enter the game, hoping particularly to attract first-timers.

The kind of cruise offered on *Sun Princess* illustrates the new, informal style of luxury cruising which is growing more popular. In the past, the staterooms were generally filled with "empty-nesters" — middle-aged or retired couples who had enough money and time on their hands.

There are going to be even more of these as the "baby-boomers" enter their fifties, but the cruise lines now want to attract families and young couples as well.

However, there is uncertainty about the future. The investment in a ship is colossal — the three new *Princess* ships will cost P&O $1 billion (£650 million) — and even quite a small proportion of empty cabins can turn a cruise into a financial disaster.

Much energy is going into marketing. Disney has got a massive advantage with its brand name. In the United States in particular, Princess has gone on making the most of being the "star" of *The Love Boat*, a long-running television series in the 1970s, and still offers Love Boat Savers fares. It is advertising *Sun Princess* with the slogan "Here Comes the Sun".

A cynical view in the trade is that if the food and entertainment on board are good, the passengers will put up with anything else that goes wrong — but if the shows and the food are disappointing, nothing will please. So special efforts are being made to ensure quality in those two areas.

Altogether, the holiday-maker attracted to the idea of floating about for his fun should have good value for money over the next few years.

D.M.

Tankers give way to liners

THE *Sun Princess* was built at the Monfalcone shipyard, 20 miles west of Trieste. Unlike many yards, Monfalcone is surprisingly attractive: one can even see wooded headlands beyond the mass of cranes and partly-completed ships.

Monfalcone, founded in 1907, is the largest yard owned by Fincantieri, Italy's state-controlled shipbuilder. It employs 1,800 people and vessels of over 250,000 deadweight tonnes can be built.

In the 1970s, a whole series of supertankers of this tonnage were built here, but in the past few years it has specialised in building large cruise vessels such as the *Crown Princess*, in 1990. With the completion of the *Sun Princess* the yard is now turning to the 104,000-ton *Grand Princess*, which will be delivered by 1998.

Much of Monfalcone's success is due to Fincantieri, which was established in 1959 as a holding company and then turned into an operating company in 1984. It is the world leader in cruise ship building. The Italian state takes Fincantieri seriously, and last June the company signed a syndicated loan for 2,000 billion lira (£800 million), one of the largest financings in the currency.

As well as winning the contract with Princess Lines, Fincantieri is also building two boats for the North American Carnival cruise group. In April Disney ordered two cruise liners.

British firms point the way

Although built in Italy, the cruise ship has relied on UK companies

The *Sun Princess* may have been built in Italy and have an Italian captain, but she is still a very British ship, with many companies from the UK contributing to her construction *(Guy Walters writes)*.

Lenco International, based in Grantham, was responsible for the liner's signage — an essential task given her innumerable walkways, lifts and staircases. The signs are luxurious; even the "You Are Here" plans are made from polished glass and marble.

Mivan, based in Antrim, Northern Ireland, outfitted many of the passenger areas. The theatre, the piano bar, the indoor café, the children's splash-pool, the three bars on the open deck, and much of the open deck itself were made by the company for a contract worth more than £5 million. Much of the construction took place in Ulster and was taken in sections by lorry to Italy.

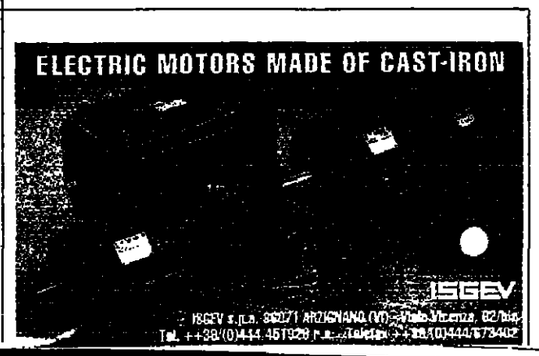
Glantre Engineering, of Reading, Berkshire, had a £1 million contract to supply and install the rigging and equipment for the Princess Theatre and the aft Vista Lounge. Gloster Leisure Furniture, of Bristol, supplied 100 of its "Bristolian Steamers" — sumptuous teak reclining chairs that can be found on the decks. Englender, of South Normanton, Derby, supplied seven custom-built audio chairs: the arms contain a cassette player and controls for listening to audiobooks in comfort.

To make passengers feel even more at home, many of the ship's carpets were supplied by Wiltons.

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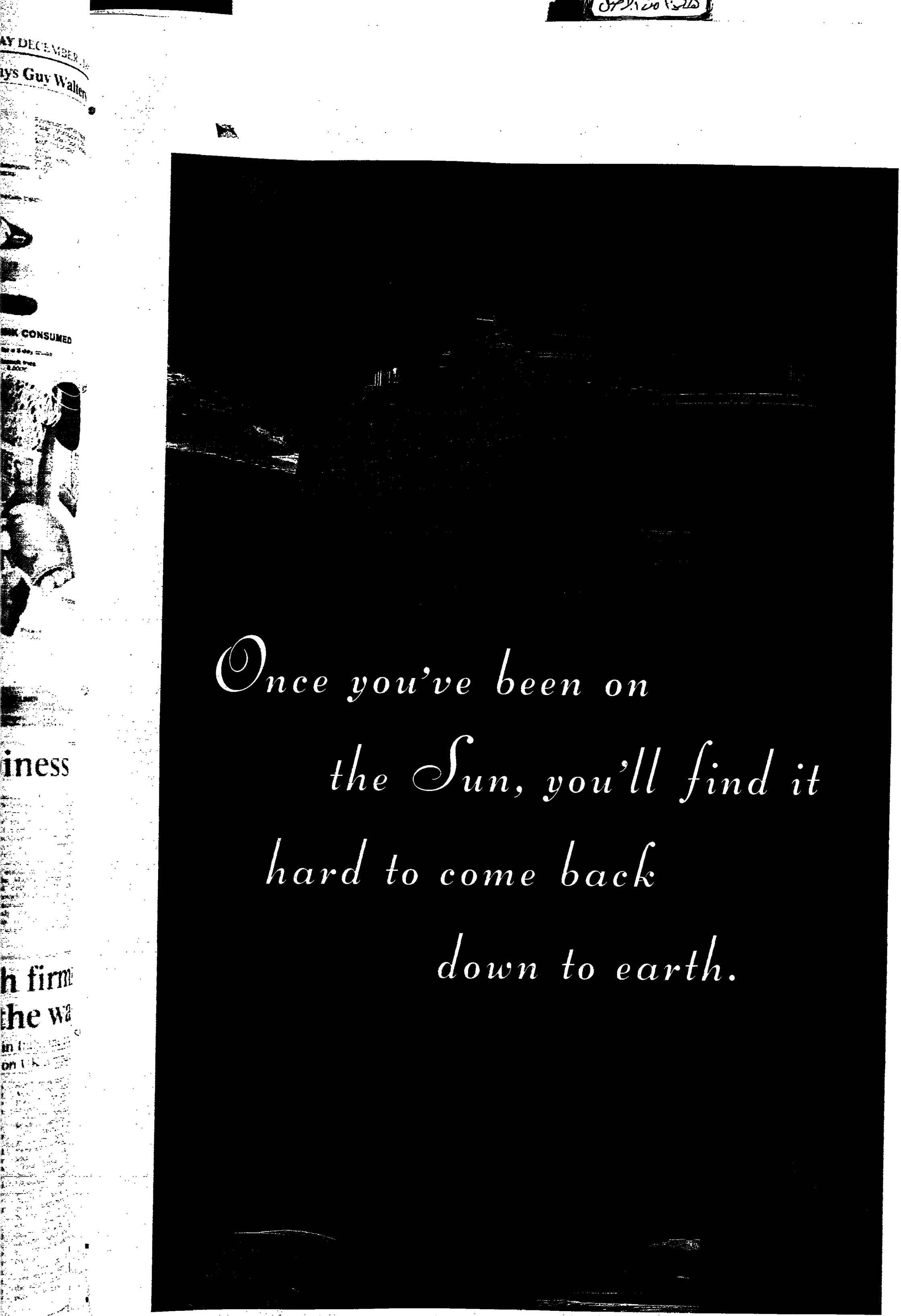
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■ THEATRE

What explains the allure of *The Wind in the Willows*, now back for the fifth time?



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Dave Brubeck celebrates his 75th birthday, and the rise in his reputation among the buffs

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THEATRE: Lennon, the surprisingly good musical; and Toad, the mysteriously successful show

You can feel his disease

Come Together
Man in the Moon

THE surviving Beatles allegedly think this new play sounds sick. That will probably pull in some extra punters. Come Together is a curious variation on the biographical rock musical. Writer Murray Woodfield is probing the psyche of the nobody, Mark "Catcher In The Rye" Chapman, who shot John Lennon 15 years ago this month. In practice the play steers well clear of being sick, although Chapman is patently far from well, chatting away to insanely squeaky Little People who come out of the walls.

In fact, this turns out to be a rather good fringe show with a seemingly countless young cast, and Woodfield's direction copes admirably with some of the mighty challenges of his material.

Reuven Gershen, hardly attempting a Liverpool accent, oddly captures the essence of Lennon through a fractional tilting of the head and the lift of an eyebrow. From the spiral staircase, he delivers retrospectively pointed outtakes of Lennon's comments — about gun-wielding American loonies and the like — in a subtly deadened style. In his sky-blue cell, Lucius Robinson's pallidly fleshy, glittery-eyed Chapman is mildly disturbing, and Martin T. Sherman looks credibly like Robinson's younger self.

Woodfield's scoot through Chapman's formative experiences and mental instability turns up a few corny lines. He also suggests a plethora of psychological causes for the murder, from Chapman being hypnotised by the CIA to being chucked by an early girlfriend, from seeing John Lennon as the enemy of Christianity to obsessive identification with the man.

But the drama is informative and the episodic structuring, including trial-style snippets of acquaintances' angles on Chapman, is snappily executed. The stylishness is given a great boost by the young Big Apple Band, including commendable vocals from Hannah Robinson.

KATE BASSETT

DONALD COOPER



Jeremy Sinden takes over as a serenely smug Toad in Alan Bennett's enjoyable adaptation of *The Wind in the Willows*, now back for a fifth time

Messing about again

The Wind in the Willows
Old Vic

Alan Bennett's toad-in has moved 400 yards from the National, losing some of its more exotic stage trickery in the process. But since this is the fifth time since 1990 that the piece has come to brighten London's bleak midwinter, we can hardly accuse it of losing its appeal. On the contrary, I am beginning to wonder if Bennett has not stumbled on a seasonal substitute for *Peter Pan*. If he were to do what Barrie did for Great Ormond Street, and will his royalties to an all-English cause like the Mole Sanctuary or the Rat Defence League, we could be sure of it.

The show clearly excites affectionate, protective feelings, and not only among children. Back in 1990 a fellow critic wrote that he "would rather have Mickey Mouse any day than that old Rat", and went on to quote Jonathan Miller to the effect that Kenneth Grahame had created "a Thames-side story of country-house fascism". His editor was reputedly so enraged that the critic found himself out of a job, and has ever since been cadging pennies from sneering thespians beneath Waterloo Bridge.

So what is the piece's special allure? Ask me another. I have now seen it three times, with three different casts. As Toad, a gurgling, preening Griff Rhys Jones has given way to a bloated, slightly camp Des Barrit, and Barrit to a serenely smug Jeremy Sinden. Ratty, formerly Richard Briers doing an affable Terry-Thomas imitation, is now a comically prim Christopher Strauli, and Badger, once a crusty Michael Bryant, is the imposing Francis Matthews. And still I cannot fully explain the piece's success.

Partly, the reasons may be negative. At least *The Wind in the Willows* does not offer a cricketer, a boxer or, worst of all, an Aussie soap star in some ghastly travesty of the Brothers Grimm. But they must also be positive. Is it that the admirable Bennett has taken pains to please both those who are giving the show as a Christmas treat and those who are receiving it?

For the children there is a story, well and warmly told, about animals with obvious human parallels. There is the big, bumptious show-off from next door who gets his comeuppance, although not as painful a one as at first seems likely. There is the small, shy, snuffling creature who achieves manhood by outwitting the baddies and putting them to flight. There is a nice elder brother, Rat, and a good grandfather, Badger. And they all end up as snugly ensconced in Toad Hall as teddies in a toy-cupboard.

For the grown-ups there are nice jokes, culminating in Toad's promise to use his ancient pile, which the weasels plan to turn into a sleazy leisure complex, for an arts festival that will offer not only opera and chamber music, "but actors with one-man shows". There is also, I suppose, the comfort of seeing a world innocently divided into Them and Us, as it was in the 1940s or 1950s. We breeze along the river or tramp through the fields saying "good show", and meaning it. They skim in long, spivvy coats out of the Wild Wood to cheat, grab and redevelop.

But it is possible to get too earnest about it all. In 1990 another colleague went so far as to call the piece "a complacent tale of boy animals together, evading work, adulthood and heterosexuality". I suppose she was thinking of Ratty and Badger's competitive obsession ("Your little toes are nice and warm, are they?") with the Mole lad. But somehow I did not get the impression that the dads in the first-night audience were hankering either for pederasty in the school showers or for the Mosleyite Utopia that Miller presumably had in mind.

The Wind in the Willows may be as open to Freudian analysis as *Peter Pan* itself, but does it matter? Not, surely, to most of us. Myself, I found the hopping bunnies and carolling field mice as irksome in Jeremy Sams's revival as in Nicholas Hytner's original production, and was less entranced than before by Mark Thompson's set, which cannot dip, rise, heave and swivel as colourfully at the Vic as in the Olivier. Yet it was still fun, and fun because it was fun because it was fun.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

A platform to raise the roof

OPERA

Così fan tutte
Festival Hall

WHEN is a concert performance not a concert performance? Here there was a stage not so much behind the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment as in among it: the RFH platform felt like a theatre. The all-star cast, nearly all of them long experienced in their roles, could hardly have helped "performing" even if they had been told not to, and perform they did. No director was credited — music to the ears of the anti-produceritis brigade — but one was left wishing that some of the countless *Così* stagings in the theatre had been half as accomplished as this.

As in all good performances, the first act was very, very funny, with Don Alfonso and Despina virtually taking over; then there came that perceptible "click" 20 minutes into the second act when it suddenly wasn't funny any more, and the two pairs of lovers came into their own. Mind you, Ann Murray and Thomas Allen would take over the world given half a chance, and with my full backing.

Murray's combination of quite broad vocal effects with dead straight poker-face made her Despina a chambermaid from hell. Allen, in succulent voice, lavished on Alfonso's music the expressive portamento he used to field when singing Guglielmo, and so made the philosopher twice as dangerous — suave, implacable.

The lovers came back fighting. There was no hint of effort or strain in Hillevi Martinpelto's ravishingly pure-toned Fiordiligi: she has always sung beautifully, but surely never quite as beautifully as this. Alison Hagley has found a new, gingery tang to leaven her bright soprano — the pair blended perfectly — and found an element of brazenness that added a new and rather disturbing dimension to Dorabella.

If Gerald Finley felt in any way awed at sharing the stage with so famous an ex-Guglielmo, he showed it not. Since the text was given complete, Kurt Streit not only charmed with his honeyed *Aura amorosa*, but dazzled us with a fluid, easy *Ah, lo veggio*, always the most damaging cut in brand-X performances.

But the true architect of this evening of Mozartian heaven was of course Simon Rattle. Brisk, energising tempos for the most part — but with a rapt *Per pietà* that would have brought a nod of approval from Klemperer himself — yet never so brisk that there was no room for expressive nuance. Meaningful pauses were held, soft staccato chords "placed" with rare wit. The performance was rich in detail. The OAE played brilliantly, fleet string articulation, deliciously gurgling woodwind. And there's a recording on the way . . .

RODNEY MILNES

Granite on ivory

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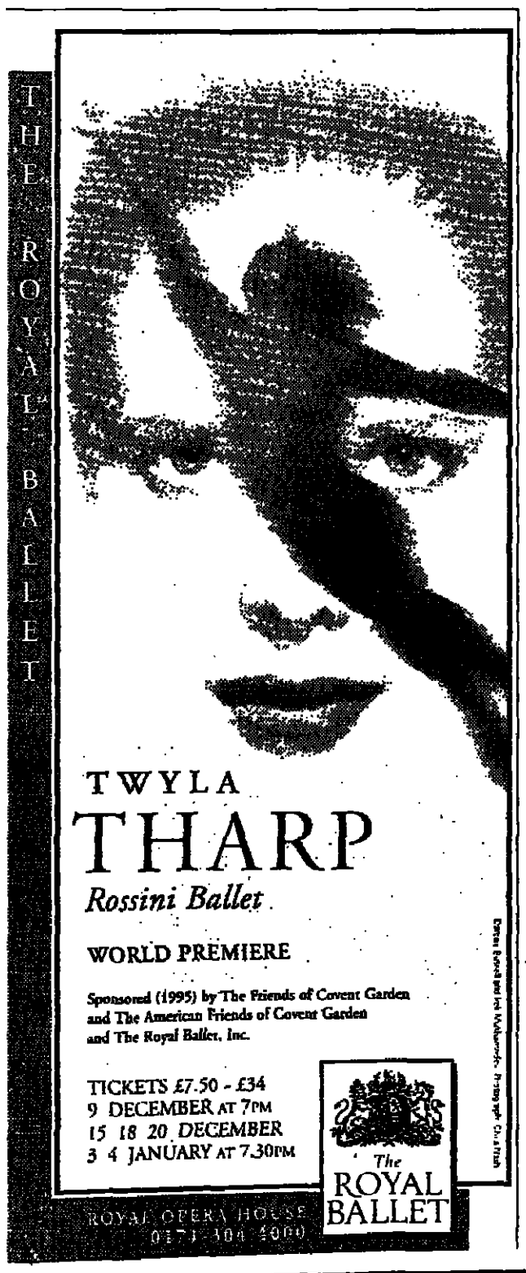
RLPO/Altrichter
Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

GRAHAM Fitkin, the 32-year-old "composer in association" to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, has written a new piano concerto — although you might not have guessed it from its impenetrable title, *Granite*, or from a programme-note for this premiere that mentioned neither piano nor concerto. It is reminiscent of Gershwin, Bartók, Prokofiev — launched on heavily percussive rhythms at the bottom of the keyboard and propelled on a succession of conventionally minimalist and virtuoso gestures.

Entertaining, well-written (except in a disappointingly unresourceful piano part, played by Peter Donohoe), it was ultimately inflated in a clumsy display of heroism in the manner of John Adams.

From the beginning of the concert it was clear that Tybalt would die a particularly nasty death before the end. Mozart's Six German Dances, K509, which scarcely need conducting at all, were executed with chopping motions which, had the RLPO responded in kind, would surely have done the music no little violence. The Czech conductor Petr Altrichter is brilliantly effective where high drama is concerned, as at the warring beginning of Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. He is less interesting when it comes to sustaining lyrical episodes. The final intimacies of Romeo and Juliet were pale in comparison with the lurid brutality of the death of Tybalt.

GERALD LARNER



Brubeck is back in the fold

That astute chronicler of social gaffes, H.M. Bateman, was famous for cartoons such as *The Guest Who Called the Paté de Foie Gras Potted Meat* or *The Man Who Asked for a Whisky and Soda in the Pump Room at Bath*. Bateman never got round to drawing *The Man Who Played a Dave Brubeck Record at the Jazz Buffs' Ball*, but you can visualise the scene.

No jazz musician of the past 40 years, with the possible exception of Miles Davis, has enjoyed as broad a public following as Brubeck; none that I can think of has aroused quite as much derision in jazz circles themselves. Just as the very mention of Trollope provokes condescending looks from English Literature students, few of whom have bothered to read a word of the Barchester novels, so Brubeck prompts similar expressions from the jazzers.

Yet the American pianist and composer, who celebrates his 75th birthday with two concerts at the Barbican this weekend, seems likely to have the last word after all. Not only does his group continue to pull in concert hall audiences around the world (he still plays some 80 one-nighters a year); his reputation is slowly being reassessed by the jazz establishment. "It's funny," he says. "All of sudden it's OK to say you enjoy my music. Before, you could like me, but you couldn't talk about it."

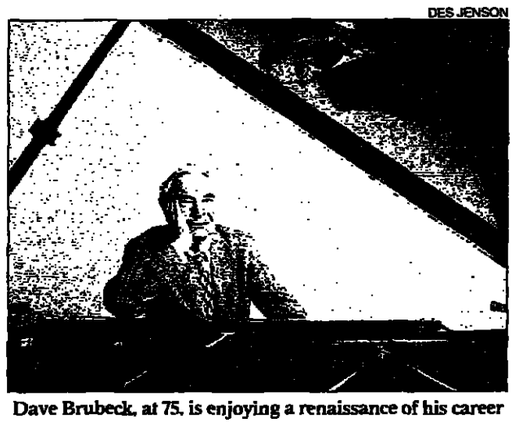
The cynical explanation, of course, is that any musician who reaches his eighth decade is bound to be treated as a grand old man. But Brubeck's rehabilitation goes deeper than that. For one thing, a swath of reissues and compilations has given critics the opportunity to listen to his music afresh without being distracted by the controversies of the 1950s. The most imposing of all the vintage sets — Columbia's elegantly packaged four-CD, 45-year retrospective, *Time Signatures* — is likely to remain one of the half-dozen outstanding reissues of the decade.

And if the old discs are, one by one, coming back into circulation Brubeck's recent recordings for Telarc show him passing through a remarkably productive phase in his autumn years. *Nightshift* was an inspired live session at New York's Blue Note club, while *Just You, Just Me* found him making his first solo recording in nearly 40 years.

The latest arrival, *Young Lions & Old Tigers*, is a delight. Not content with performing with a list of guest artists from Michel Brecker to James Moody, Roy Hargrove, Joshua Redman and Joe Lovano, Brubeck concocted melodies based on their names. Brecker was handed a waltz, Lovano a tango, Hargrove an hypnotic ballad.

In traditional jazz spirit, most of the performances were committed to posterity with the minimum of preparation: some of the pieces are first takes. "Each musician was allotted two hours in the studio," Brubeck says, "and each of them sailed through it in about ten minutes."

DES JENSON



Dave Brubeck, at 75, is enjoying a renaissance of his career

One ancient source of anti-Brubeck sentiment, apart from his distinctive two-handed technique, is the sheer scale of his quarter's commercial success. Any musician who reaches a broad audience is liable to be accused of selling out. The enormous worldwide sales for *Take Five*, the 5/4 classic usually attributed to Brubeck, but actually written by the quartet's lyrical saxophonist Paul Desmond, was too much for some purists.

Brubeck's own background worked against him as well. Here was a college graduate and former student of Darius Milhaud who had been raised in a small town in California, far from the crucibles of New York, Chicago, Kansas City or New Orleans. His use of polytonality, polyrhythms and counterpoint also led some detractors to write him off as a cerebral interloper.

But his own account of his formative years soon dispels that preconception. Although his mother was an accomplished classical piano teacher who had travelled to London to study with Myra Hess, his father was a ranch manager, and much of the young Brubeck's childhood was spent on horseback, helping to round up cattle.

He has described how his interest in rhythmic variation first arose, not in the classroom, but on the ranch, when he was herding livestock over long distances. As his mount and the cattle settled into a steady trot, he would pass the time by improvising melodies above the rhythms he could hear around him.

Since the 1960s he has turned increasingly to composing orchestral works, many with a religious theme. The most devout and unassuming of artists, he admits that he had resigned himself to quietly "coasting out" his final years. But with respected jazz historians leading a reappraisal of his work, his self-confidence gradually rose. He remembers, too, the evening five years ago when he attended a party for the wife of the jazz impresario, George Wein.

"We were all asked to perform a tune, so I played *I Married an Angel*. When I finished young guys said how much they had listened to my music when they were growing up. I had passed through a period when it almost felt like I was being written out of history. Now I thought: 'Boy, I haven't been forgotten.' Suddenly there's more to do than ever before."

CLIVE DAVIS

● *Dave Brubeck appears with the LSO at the Barbican, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 4141) tomorrow night (7.45pm) and Sun (3pm)*

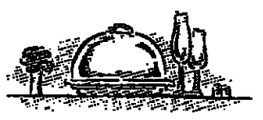
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POP 1

Sincerity by the spadeful, but not much innovation on Garth Brooks's latest album



POP 2

... whereas Van Morrison seeks fresh inspiration by delving into jazz standards

THE TIMES POP ARTS



POP 3

But it is humpin' and heavy-breathing business as usual on R. Kelly's latest



POP 4

Meanwhile, and guaranteed to go the distance. Frank has got a Christmas record out

NEW ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** finds Garth Brooks roaming the same ol' prairie

Horse of a familiar hue

GARTH BROOKS
Fresh Horses
(Capitol 8 32080)
HE MAY have a relatively modest profile in this country, but Garth Brooks is the biggest selling act of the 1990s. And yet *Fresh Horses* is an album of surprisingly limited scope and ambition, a 38-minute set designed to consolidate rather than extend his appeal.

The key to Brooks is his unnerving sincerity. "I said a little prayer tonight/Before I came on stage ... I asked the good Lord in heaven:/'Let me treat the music right'" he sings at the start of *The Old Stuff*, as if saying grace before tucking into the meat of the song. And he remains the only bona fide country star who would contemplate doing a cover of a full-tilt Aerosmith rocker, *The Fever*, albeit with a significantly toned down lyric.

There are plenty of handsome, clean-cut tunes, such as *Rollin'* and *The Beaches of Cheyenne*, both of which boast nice harmony vocals from Trisha Yearwood. But the greetings-card sentiments of songs such as *Cowboys and Angels*, *She's Everywoman* and a preposterous cod-celtic ode called *Ireland* are likely to try the patience of all but the most sympathetically credulous listeners.

VAN MORRISON WITH GEORGIE FAME & FRIENDS
How Long Has This Been Going On
(Exile/Verve 529 136)
ROUNDING off a year in which he has had "more awards than hot dinners" as he rather tactlessly put it when being offered both at *Q* magazine's prizegiving bash last month, Van Morrison has recorded a jazz album.

Knocked out during a single day of recording at Ronnie Scott's club last May, and sprung on the market without warning or explanation, *How Long Has This Been Going On* is a collection of standards from some of the trustiest pens in the business: George and Ira Gershwin, Johnny Mercer, Mose Allison, Louis Jordan, Lester Young and others.

The band, led by the polished Georgie Fame, are a similarly gilt-edged bunch, including trumpeter Guy Barker and saxophonists Alan Skidmore and Pee Wee Ellis. Whether romping through the relaxed mid-tempo swing of *The New Symphony Sid* or savouring the slow, late-night mood of the title track, they make it all sound easy, but wonderfully spontaneous and graceful.

The weak link, unfortunately, is Morrison himself. Although a visionary songwriter and a distinctively soulful performer, his ragged diction, approximate phrasing and often wildly suspect pitch fail to meet the exacting technical standards required in the world of straight jazz. He holds his own on blues numbers such as *Early in the Morning* and *Blues in the Night*, and dispatches a handful of his own songs, including an erratic version of *Moondance*, with an air of brisk authority. But elsewhere his performances are blustery and unconvincing, and when he and Fame attempt to sing *Sack O' Woe*, the spectre of the karaoke parlour looms.

JOE ELY
Letter to Laredo
(Transatlantic/Castle Communications TRA 222)
A MAN with roots in the country music of Texas and a history of excursions into the rock'n'roll badlands, Joe Ely has gone Spanish on *Letter to Laredo*, a predominantly acoustic album which mixes the languid slide guitar and dobro sound of Lloyd Maines with the rapid trills and crisp arpeggios of a superb flamenco guitarist known as Teye.

Aided by vocal contributions from Bruce Springsteen (two numbers), Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Raul Malo (of the Mavericks), Ely conjures extraordinary tales of Mexican rooster fights and desperadoes on the run, and of love found in a Texan motel room and lost in cities all across Europe. An unusual and understated album, but full of character and blessed with a poignant charm.

R. KELLY
R. Kelly
(Jive CHIP 166)
TRADITIONALLY, soul sex gods have tended to be avuncular characters with film-trailer voices, people such as Barry White and Isaac Hayes. But 26-year-old R. Kelly has updated the role, bringing big trousers and a modern, swingbeat sound to the genre while generally steering clear of the heavy breathing routines.



An Aerosmith cover aside, Garth Brooks is content to amble along on *Fresh Horses*

His commitment to the wholesale seduction of the world's womanhood is nevertheless absolute, and the follow-up to his five million-selling album, *12-Play*, is plainly the work of a man with a one-track mind. "Every day and every night, humpin' and bouncin's all I wanna do" he insists in *Hump Bounce*, which is about as euphemistic as it gets.

The problem is that, although a gifted singer and a sensational keyboard player, Kelly is far too busy slow-grooving and schmoozing his latest love interest ever to open up and really sing. Still, you have to admire his *je ne sais quoi*. "Girl you look just like my cars, I wanna wax it," he announces on *You Remind Me of Something*. Do some guys have all the best chat-up lines or what?

● *FIVE of the songs on Queen's album* Made in Heaven *have been recorded before, not two as I stated in my review of November 3. Freddie Mercury died on November 24, 1991, not that October*

Let me take you down, 'cause I'm going to

Damn you, marketing men, says **Caitlin Moran**.

Why couldn't you let John Lennon rest in peace?

In an age in which newspapers devote regular columns to the art of advertising, record companies squabble over whose record is going to be used in jeans commercials, and albums bear stickers with "As used on the Happy Cow butter advert" so large that they obscure the band's name, it was always obvious that the real pop "heroes" were the marketing directors. A good marketing campaign counts for far more than a good song, witness the dizzying, to the point of nausea, rise of Robson and Jerome. What a *dream* marketing assignment — two actors in a hit television series premiere their first single in front of 12 million viewers, and the song flies out of the shops and into the No 1 slot for ten weeks running.

But, in the quest for the biggest and most spectacular marketing campaign ever, some sticky-fingered suit has pulled the ultimate trick — digging up dead pop icons. Whispers of a "new" Beatles single were heard last year, but it was Queen who were first in the shops with *Made in Heaven*; a fair-to-middling album which trashed Queen's reputation within 12 tracks. We loved Freddie Mercury because he was so *alive*, rampant and gobbling up the charts whole; nostrils flaring as he squealed the high notes; body sweating as he bounced across the stage. The necessarily sombre *Heaven*, with its maudlin videos and respectful shots of Freddie, has Queen bowing out in a teary mist of regret and longing, rather than the blaze of fireworks and light so befitting their past. Surely, had Mercury wanted a poignant end, he wouldn't have shut himself away as soon as he fell ill and began to crumble.

Likewise, the Beatles. The four most famous artists in the history of pop have, for a relatively small amount of money (oh, come on, how many millions does one really need?), *trashed* the only blemish-free career ever recorded. Treating John Lennon's voice as a copyrighted "sound" and his songs as playthings to be tampered with, we now have a reheated cold collation with its You're Being Too Subtle video ("Look, a walrus. Look, a Blue Meanie. Look, a man who's blown his mind out in a car. And a shot of some traffic lights, which have changed. But what do you mean? What are you getting at?") and three elderly men indulging in buffoonery as their bandmate, cut brutally into the videos, looks on. Calm in black and white, he is free of all the retching nostalgia and rapid dignity loss.

The irony of all this glory-free, yuppie-remnant hypermarketing is that it *loses money*. Witness the recent reunion of the Eagles. Sunburnt Americans queued all night to buy $130 tickets for their shows, while a Best Of compilation made the Eagles, and their record company, very rich indeed. But, a year on, their extensive back catalogue is suffering from sales atrophy. Having bought the simplified, hits-rich version for £12.99, what punter then wants to go back and buy the albums?

> ❛ The irony of all this marketing is that it *loses* money ❜

The same will happen with the Beatles. Previously, their back catalogue was so well-guarded, and so expensive to use, that you hardly ever heard Beatles music on television; never heard it in films or advertisements. When one finally "discovered" the Beatles it was like accidentally tripping over the Taj Mahal — something vast and well-known, and yet incomprehensible until you actually got there and walked around it.

Before, the Beatles were something you would enthuse about, and pass on the Beatles infection to someone else. Now the band is shorn of its mystique; who wants something so obvious? Who would hunger to own their back-catalogue now?

Pop is an instant "now!" *Made in Heaven* and *Free as a Bird* and *The Beatles Anthology 1* aren't a barometer of the times, a celebration or a comfort — the only three things good pop can ever be. They are cold, dry, bloodless charts on a boardroom wall; sheafs of figures, and thick fiscal folders with Queen and Beatles logos stamped on their front. They are recycled milk sold as fresh.

By planning marketing campaigns six months or a year ahead, pop is being fettered, evaluated before it is created, and made to become ruthless and joyless.

Marketing will be the death of pop. John Lennon lived on — and on — until November, 1995, when the remaining Beatles clubbed him to death with video treatments and bank statements.



"I know what it's like to be dead," John Lennon sang, not knowing what the Beatles would do once he was

THE TIMES
Free Penguin 60s Classics



The Times, in association with Penguin Books and Dillons and Ottakar's bookstores, offer readers up to six free books from the Penguin 60s Classics series, launched this month as part of Penguin's 60th birthday celebrations. The 60s Classics, some of which are abridged, some essays, and some complete works, follow on from the first successful series of Penguin's 60s paperbacks, also included in this offer, which flew straight to the top of the bestseller lists. This gives you a choice of up to 120 titles to choose from subject to availability at participating Dillons and Ottakar's stores. The launch of the new 60s Classics series, a full list appeared in *The Times* on Saturday, offers you some of world's greatest literature, and the original 60s series offers such titles as Edith Wharton's *Madame De Treymes*. To get a free book, present the voucher, below, at a participating Dillons or Ottakar's bookstore. More vouchers will appear this week. For your local participating Dillons bookstore, one of Britain's largest booksellers, call: 0121 7038114.

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Cruel Yule shocking fillers

FULL OF seasonal ill-will? Harbouring malice towards a special someone this Yuletide? Then head for the nation's record stores, where there are more festive turkeys to be found in the racks than in the average supermarket freezer cabinet. But shop carefully, using our guide to the certs and no-hopers in the end-of-year novelty single stakes:

Robson and Jerome, *I Believe/Up On The Roof* (RCA): The nice *Soldier, Soldier* stars may be No 1 already, but they will take some shifting as granny hits the high street.

Michael Barrymore, *Too Much for One Heart* (EMI): Domestic life as soap opera. "Britain's best-loved entertainer" dedicates this ballad to his manager-wife Cheryl.

Frank Bruno, *Eye Of The Tiger* (RCA): Survivor's 1982 *Rocky* theme is reworked by Stock, Aitken & Waterman. Irksome, if you know what I mean, Harry?

Ali and Kibibi Campbell, *Somethin' Stupid* (EMI): Frank 'n' Nancy's vintage hit is reprised by the UB40 frontman and his own daughter, barely out of kindergarten.

Lorna Luft and Judy Garland, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* (Carlton): Technology, if not good taste, allows the late diva's less celebrated daughter to make a pitch for the charts.

The Beatles, *Free as a Bird* (Parlophone): This massively hyped relic from the Apple vaults has polarised opinion. Some think it's awful. Others say it's sort of OK.

Queen, *A Winter's Tale* (Parlophone): From the album *Made in Heaven* — a collection of material featuring the late Freddie Mercury — this is described by *Music Week* as, ahem, "ballsy and uplifting".

Cliff Richard and Olivia Newton-John, *Had to Be* (EMI): Sir Cliff's opening salvo from the grandiose *Heathcliff* project proved something of a damp squib, saleswise. Will Livvy-as-Cathy revive his fortunes?

Sid Owen and Paisy Palmer, *Better Believe It* (Trinity): Tiresome as Ricky and Bianca in *EastEnders*, the duo are barely more appealing on record.

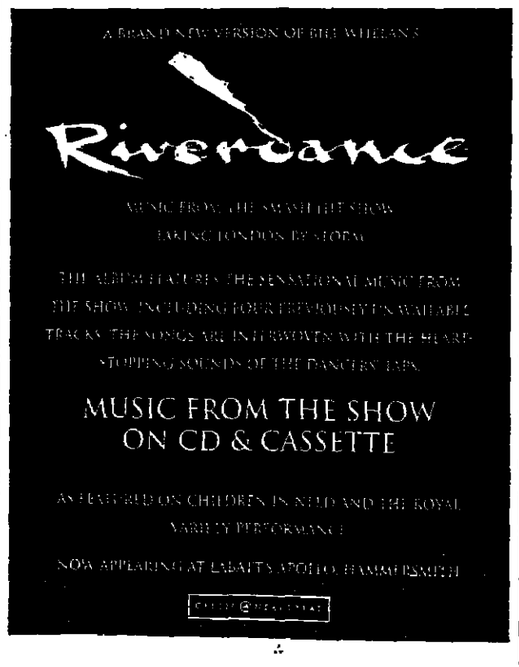
The Coronation Street cast featuring Bill Waddington, *Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life* (EMI): The "joke" is that Waddington plays arch-grump Percy Sugden in the northern soap. Haha!

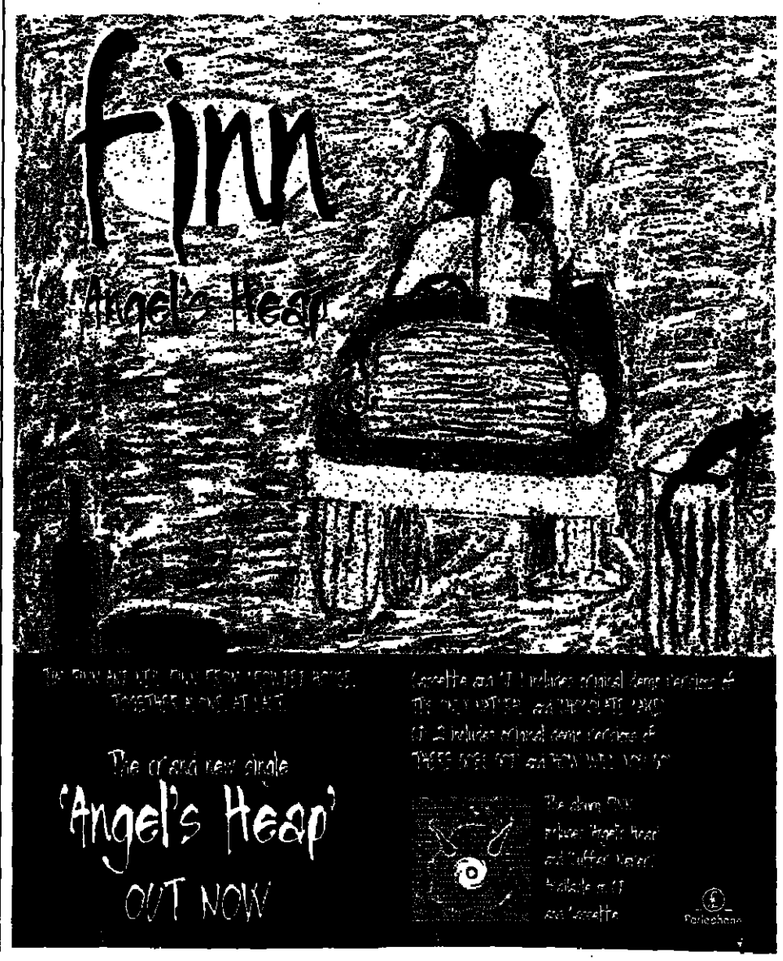
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TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Robson & Jerome	Robson & Jerome (RCA)
2	(What's the Story) Morning Glory?	Oasis (Creation)
3	Anthology 1	Beatles (Apple)
4	The Memory of Trees	Enya (WEA)
5	Made in Heaven	Queen (Parlophone)
6	Something to Remember	Madonna (Maverick)
7	Life	Simply Red (East West)
8	Love Songs	Elton John (Rocket)
9	Different Class	Pulp (Island)
10	Up all Night	East 17 (London)

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■ CHOICE 1

Classic Dickens returns to London with the RSC's *Christmas Carol*

VENUE: In preview at the Barbican Theatre



■ CHOICE 2

... while in the Strand the annual Festival of Trees goes on show

VENUE: Now open at Coutts and Co

THE TIMES ARTS



■ VISUAL ART 1

The peaceful iconography of Jainism makes a beguiling spectacle at the V&A Museum



■ VISUAL ART 2

... and in Brighton the grandiose paintings of Edward Poynter can be reassessed

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

FESTIVAL OF TREES: Save the Children's now annual treat opens today. Christmas imaginations have run riot with, *among others, a bejewelled topiary* from Garrard's, Simpson's "only fir coat to wear this season", snakes and ladders from Hasbros, a tree to wine and dine with from Thomas Goode and a Maharajah's palace by Tiffany. Free admission to the foyer during banking hours or on view from the street. Auction to be held on Dec 7
Coutts and Co, 440 Strand. Today until Dec 6

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Ian Judge's production returns by popular demand, with Clive Francis recreating his bah-humbug Scrooge. Great sets, with the expected laughter and tears, if over-sweet for some.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Previews tonight-Dec 6, 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm. Opens Dec 7, 7pm.

WHAT'S ON AT THE WIGMORE: The weekend is off to a bright start with tonight's recital from the much heralded *piano prodigy Konstantin Lifschitz*, while Vienna and the Romantic Century is the flavour for Saturday night: Dagmar Pecková and the Nash Ensemble fill the hall with the music of Wagner and Mahler
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Both, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Opening night for Peter Wright's triumphant *Nutcracker* for **Birmingham Royal Ballet**. Not a strictly traditional production, but full of colour and imaginative stage effects.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (0121-622 7486). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; school mats on Tues and Thurs, 2pm; Sat, 2.30pm. Until Dec 16.

CARDIFF: One of the great orchestras of the world takes to the stage tomorrow night: the **Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra** opens the programme with Strauss's musical tale of a lovable rascal, *Till Eulenspiegel*, followed by Beethoven and Sibelius. Paavo Berglund conducts.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 878444). Sat, 7.30pm.

LEEDS: Three very talented singers — Sharon D Clarke, Pepsi Lawrie Demacque and Fiona Hendley — team up with RJC Dance Theatre for **The World Goes 'Round**, a snazzy musical tribute to Kander & Ebb, creators of *Cabaret, Funny Lady, Chicago*, and *The Kiss of the Spiderwoman*. Jude Kelly directs
Courtyard, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill (0113-244 2111). Previews *begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Dec 6*; until Jan 20

LIVERPOOL: Shao-Chai Lu takes up the baton for tomorrow's **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** concert, with a programme of Prokofiev, Bartók, and Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloé*, written for Diaghilev's ballet and offered in its entirety.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). Sat, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) ... **Hayward:** Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (071-928 3144) ... **National Gallery:** Paintings from National Trust Houses (0171-747 2885) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Richard and Maria Cosway (0171-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy:** Africa: Art of a Continent; David Hockney: A Drawing Retrospective (0171-439 7438) ... **Serpentine:** William Turnbull: sculpture and paintings (0171-723 9072) ... **Tate:** Art Now 4: Mairoslaw Balka; Dynasties: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) ... **V & A:** Jain Art from India; Back of the Envelope: famous art and design scribbles(0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ *House full, returns only*
◪ *Some seats available*
□ *Seats at all prices*

■ **COMPANY:** Sheila Gish and Adrian Lester in the cast of 14 for Sondheim's bittersweet musical on love, relationships and staying single. Sam Mendes directs
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 *(0171-369 1732). Previews begin* tonight, 7.30pm; opens Dec 13

□ **DEAD FUNNY:** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally *and* Sam Kelly *in* Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats *Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm*

◪ **DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS:** Shared Experience back in town with O'Neill's *passionate drama of father-son rivalry and forbidden love*
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Dec 6, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **THE HOTHOUSE:** Assailed by cries in a mysterious detention centre, Harold Pinter heads a strong cast in his own, long-buried play. *Final week.*
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Tonight, 7.45pm; Sat, 4pm and 7.45pm

□ **HYSTERIA:** Henry Goodman plays Freud, with Tim Potter as Salvador Dali, in Terry Johnson's surreal, double award-winner. Phyllida Lloyd directs in the Royal Court Classics season
Duke of Yorks, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats *Thurs* and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with *Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing* inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

◪ **JOLSON:** The highs and lows of the singer with with a monster ego. Brian Conley belts out the songs; Sally Ann Triplett is an impressive Ruby Keeler.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC:** Elegant and successful production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Dec 6, 7.15pm, mats Sat, Wed, 2pm. 40 day seats from 10am; 2 per person.

□ **THE JUNGLE BOOK:** Tim Supple *directs his adaptation of three of Kipling's Mowgli stories*
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Now previewing; opens Dec 5, 7pm. Ring box office for schedule.

□ **TREASURE ISLAND:** Roy Marsden and a largely fresh cast do the old yo-ho-ho. Marsden's Long John apart, last year's production was cooly received, but this time Phil Wilmot directs so here's hoping.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-236 2211). Previews begin tonight, 7pm. *Opens Dec 5, until Jan 13.*

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about his adoptive mother.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) ... □ **Communicating Doors:** Gielgud (0171-494 5530) ... □ **Dead Guilty:** Apollo (0171-494 5070) ... ■ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Albery (0171-369 1730) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ◪ **Indian Ink:** Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ... ■ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CANDYMAN 2** (18): Feeble adventures of the urban bogeyman created by Clive Barker. With Tony Todd, Kelly Rowan. Director, Bill Condon
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

ELISA (15): Overwrought French tale of a tearaway kid who seeks out her father. With Vanessa Paradis, Gérard Depardieu. Director, Jean Becker.
MGMs: Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (15): Actors struggle to mount *Hamlet*. Over-manic comedy from Kenneth Branagh, with Michael Maloney, Joan Collins.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **MAD LOVE** (12): Shallow tale of runaway lovers, with Drew Barrymore and Chris O'Donnell. Director, Antonia Bird.
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **MURDER IN THE FIRST** (15): Flashy but absorbing Alcatraz drama, with Kevin Bacon, Christian Slater and Gary Oldman. Director, Marc Rocco.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

MY DARLING CLEMENTINE (U): John Ford's wonderful 1946 western about Wyatt Earp, with Henry Fonda, Linda Darnell and Victor Mature.
Renoir (0171-837 8402)

◆ **THE SANTA CLAUSE** (U): Divorced dad becomes the new Santa. Broad family comedy with a human face, featuring Tim Allen. Director, John Pasquin.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

SISTER MY SISTER (15): Modest chamber piece about a stifling French household. With Joely Richardson, Jodhi May and Julie Walters. Director, *Nancy Meckler.*
MGMs: Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Rd** (0171-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **CRIMSON TIDE** (15): Antique heroics in a nuclear submarine, with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington. Director, Tony Scott.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

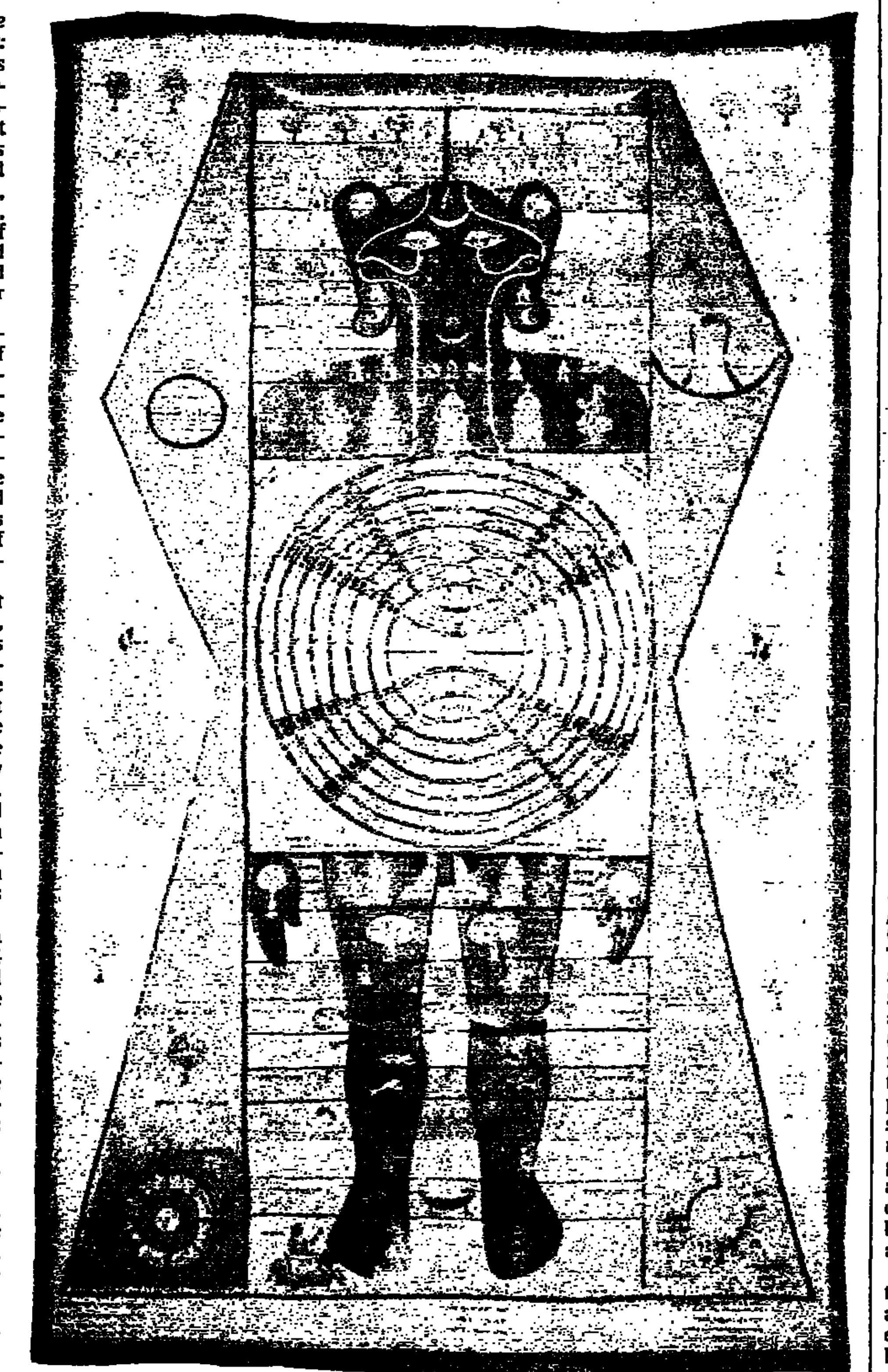
◆ **GOLDENEYE** (12): Pierce Brosnan twinkles as the new James Bond. A rip-roaring thriller with a sense of humour, with Sean Bean. Director, Martin Campbell.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

LA HAINE (15): Powerful, angry drama about volatile youths on a Paris housing estate. Director, Mathieu Kassovitz.
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker St** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15): Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon.
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

Icons from the ancient Indian religion of Jainism go on show at the V&A

Shedding a gentle light



A depiction of the Jain being *Cosmic Man* (Lokapurusha), from Rajasthan (1894)

The exhibition *The Peaceful Liberators: Jain Art from India* is an impressive international collaboration between the Victoria & Albert Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay. The V&A is the final, and only European, venue of this exhibition, which opened last year at the LACMA and then travelled to two other American museums.

The Peaceful Liberators focuses on the art and culture of Jainism. Together with Hinduism and Buddhism, Jainism is one of the three principal religions that originated on the Indian subcontinent. However, unlike the other two, it did not spread significantly beyond India's borders, and the number of Jain practitioners outside India is comparatively small.

Practised in India at least since the 6th century BC, Jainism strongly advocates non-violence (*ahimsa*). The aspiration of a devout Jain is the attainment of enlightenment or bliss that can only be achieved by a release from the karmic cycle of rebirth or by the transmigration of the soul. Karma is the accumulated effect of good and evil in previous lives: malevolent actions are believed to darken the soul while kind actions lighten it.

Jains do not believe in a creator god, but there are 24 saints who serve as a model for devout Jains and are frequent subjects in their art. These saints are known as *jinas*, meaning victor, or conqueror, because they have conquered their worldly desires. After death, their souls are released into eternal bliss.

Spanning about 2,000 years, from the 1st to the early 20th centuries, the 125 objects in *The Peaceful Liberators* have been drawn from Indian, European and North American collections, with some pieces added exclusively for the V&A installation. They exemplify the obligations underlining Jain religious practice: the construction of temples and libraries, the worship of images and the commissioning of devotional objects, illustrated manuscripts and paintings.

At the V&A, the exhibition opens with a large-scale model temple in marble that has been commissioned for the Jain community. Jains believe *that, rather than being a* residence of a deity, the temple is a replica of the celestial assembly; consequently, it is sumptuously decorated. The exhibition continues with sections dealing with "Patronage and Donors" and "Images of *Jinas*".

Although Jain, Hindu and Buddhist sculptures were often produced by the same craftsmen and therefore share stylistic similarities, the figure of Jina Parsvanatha illustrates many of the attributes found in the depiction of a Jain *jina*: the youthful, idealised and *nude male form with characteristically* elongated earlobes, broad shoulders and arms, large hands and feet. Other sculptures in the exhibition demonstrate the impact of Hinduism, such as the image of Sarasvati, the goddess of learning, which appears in the third section, "Images of Deities".

The fourth section, "Cosmic and Mortal Realms", comprises cosmological and large-scale pilgrimage paintings on cloth. It includes such works as the *Cosmic Man*, which depicts the Jain belief that the *cosmos can be mapped out on* such a figure.

The final area is "The Art of Illustration, Cloth and Album Painting". Although the earliest Jain monks had no manuscripts or books, libraries of Jain manuscripts were established in the 6th century.

The West's lack of contact with Jainism has undoubtedly been responsible for the paucity of exhibitions of Jain work. Therein lies the importance of *The Peaceful Liberators*. As John Guy, deputy curator of the Indian collections at the V&A and co-curator of the *exhibition, says, this is a* "groundbreaking effort towards our understanding of Jain art and culture".

AMY NEWLAND

● The Peaceful Liberators *is at the Victoria & Albert Museum (0171-938 8407) until Feb 18*

GALLERY CHOICE

WHO would suppose that one of the brightest stars in the constellation of Victorian artists was once **Sir Edward Poynter**? *Life at arm's length*, the ambitious new show of his work at the Burstow Gallery of Brighton College, both reminds us why this was so and suggests why it is so no more.

Time was when pictures like Poynter's *Faithful Unto Death* (commemorating the silliest hero of history, the centurion who continued to stand at his post while Pompeii was buried in volcanic ash), or *The Catapult*, or *Israel in Egypt*, or *The Ides of March* were inescapable as illustrations to history as told to children. Nowadays they do not even have that dubious claim to fame.

Possibly more telling is the information that Poynter's *Israel in Egypt* (along with Edwin Long's *The Babylonian Marriage Market*) remains in real terms the most expensive painting ever bought from a living painter, far outdistancing the prices of any 20th-century master.

Because of this extraordinary success, Poynter never had a one-man show in his own lifetime — his major works were usually sold straight from the walls of the Royal Academy — and apparently has not had one since, until now.

At least his biggest paintings, which are very big indeed, are now back on show in major galleries. *The Catapult*, from the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, is the largest that can be accommodated in the current show. Featuring a parade of archaeological information (much of it inaccurate) and numerous dashing studies of the male nude in action (as picturesquely unclad Roman soldiers prepare to launch a missile at the enemy), it gives a good idea of Poynter's gifts and limitations. It is skilfully composed, superficially lively but ultimately rather chilly and technical.

The other famous work in this show, *Diadumene* of 1895, a female nude posed on the edge of an elaborate marble bath, is rather warmer — sufficiently so to have caused a scandal when first shown — and suggests at least where Poynter's private enthusiasms lay.

He lived on until 1919, still painting in much the same academic style, and though his reputation gradually died away, his zeal for work never seems to have flagged: his last recorded words at the age of 83 were: "*I must get up and go to my studio. I have left some work unfinished.*"

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

● *Burtow Gallery, Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton (01273 697131)*

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

LEFEVRE GALLERY 30 Bruton St, W1. 0171-493 2107. An exhibition of MODERN BRITISH ARTISTS 1900-1945. 27 Nov-20 Dec. Mon-Fri 10-5.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Piccadilly, W1 10-6 daily. Recorded info 0171 439 4996/7 Advance booking 0171-494 5676 AFRICA: THE ART OF A CONTINENT. DAVID HOCKNEY: A DRAWING RETROSPECTIVE

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COLISEUM 0171 632 8300 (24hr) ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 BARBER OF SEVILLE Tomor 7.30 TURANDOT

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 0171 304 4000 for Box Off & Standby info. Tickets available on the day The Royal Opera Ton't, Wed (Last Night) 7.00 MATHIS DER MALER Tomor 7.30 (Last Night) FEDORA Mon 7.30 (First Night) AIDA Tue 7.30 TOSCA The Royal Ballet Thur 7.30 Balanchine's APOLLO/MacMillan's SIDE SHOW/Balanchine's DUO CONCERTANT/Page's FEARFUL SYMMETRIES

THEATRES

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FORTUNE 0171 836 2238 From 13 Dec, A Magical Xmas Show THE ENCHANTED TOYSHOP "A real treat for 3-9 year olds"Gdn

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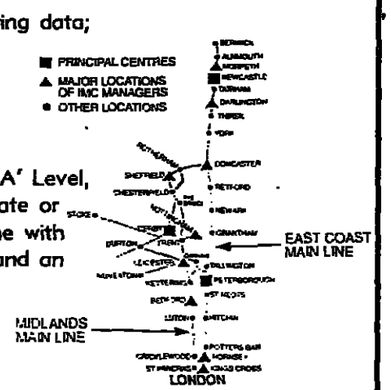
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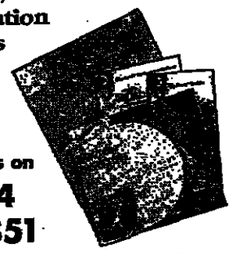


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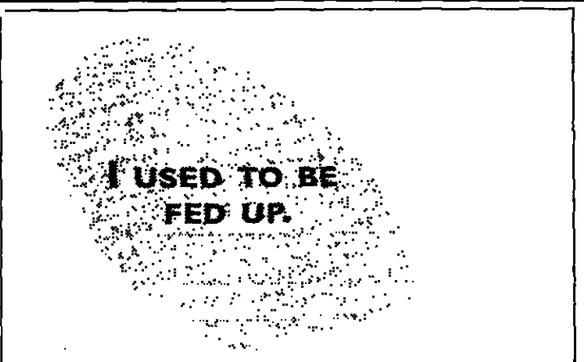
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Chess club at the Manchester Grammar, where modular examinations — recognised as less demanding — are now used for maths and the sciences

Best for the brightest?

Many of our ablest students are increasingly ill-served by schools and universities. **Neil Sheldon** offers a solution

The problem of poorly motivated pupils becoming bored and failing to realise their true potential is not new in schools. What *is* new is that this problem now affects some of the most able. There are pupils for whom the target of three A grades at A level (which is a passport to any university in the country) represents no real challenge. The higher challenges which schools have been able to provide in the past have now all but disappeared.

In the debate about whether standards at A level are rising or falling one thing is agreed: there are now more top grades awarded than ever before. It follows that for the most able it is *easier* to obtain a top grade than ever before. It is easier still now that more and more modular schemes are taken, as all the uncertainties and pressures of a terminal examination are removed.

At the Manchester Grammar School, modular examinations are used for mathematics and the sciences. By the start of the upper sixth year a pupil may be more than half way through each subject, with sufficiently good results in each module to guarantee that only a modest effort is needed in the rest of the course to produce three A grades. The demotivating effect of this situation is clear. It becomes all the clearer when a further factor is taken into account: it is widely believed that the latest syllabuses, and that includes all modular syllabuses, are inherently less demanding in content and conceptual depth than the syllabuses of five, ten or 20 years ago.

Of course there have always been pupils for whom A level was easy, so in that sense the problem is not new. However, in the past A level was not the limit of what schools could offer to their very brightest. Oxford and Cambridge used to have their own entrance examinations which required study way beyond A level. The Cambridge "STEP" papers of today are far less demanding, and in any case they may be avoided completely in many subjects and at many colleges. At Oxford, the last traditional entrance examination has just been taken. From next year we will have various short *ad hoc* tests taken by candidates called for interview. In the past, many bright A-level candidates would take Special Papers; examinations requiring a deeper understanding of the A-level syllabus. But the universities have stopped taking any notice of Special Papers and as a consequence they have almost died out.

> Three A grades at A level is no longer a challenge for many pupils

The loss is not felt just at school, of course. If the brightest are going to the best universities knowing less, and having had less intellectual challenge, then standards at these universities are falling too — as conversations with many university teachers confirm.

The fact that in this country we now educate more of our young people to A level than ever before, and that more people take degrees than ever before, is to be applauded. But the fact that this has been achieved at the expense of the standards achieved by the most able is a national disgrace. It is also quite unnecessary.

The message of the last 20 or 30 years in education is that standards are set from above and not from below. Good universities can offer highly regarded degrees, set correspondingly high standards for entry, and attract high quality applicants. That is, good universities can drive standards up. Oxford and Cambridge used to play this role particularly well, but in recent years, motivated perhaps by a misguided egalitarianism, they appear to have abdicated. On the other hand, a system in which universities are driven primarily by the need to maximise student numbers (and "bums on seats" is one of the commonest phrases on a don's lips) can only result in ever lower entry standards. The analogy with the supermarkets' battle for market share driving down prices is close.

It is no use looking to the schools alone to raise standards. Increasingly, the purpose of sixth-form education is university entrance, and few pupils — even the very brightest — will want to go substantially beyond what is needed to get into their chosen universities. It is only human nature to settle for three A grades if higher achievement is neither recognised nor rewarded.

It would be unfair, however, to place all the blame and all the burden for change on the universities. The "bums on seats" marketplace is the Government's fault, and only a change in Government policy can put it right. But, as is so often the case, a change in policy would require the Government to recognise the obvious.

By the age of 16, entrants to sixth-form education differ enormously both in their potential and in their achievements. By 18, on entry to university, the differences are greater still. And as the numbers going to university increase so these differences are increased still further. Despite these blatantly obvious facts, policy over the last decade has been to make the post-18 sector more uniform: the distinction between polytechnic and university has been lost, many lesser colleges have been given university status, all universities have had a financial lever applied to them to maximise student numbers irrespective of quality, and (a self-inflicted wound) Oxford and Cambridge have worked hard to shed their premier status.

The solution is, I believe, as obvious as the problem. Government policy should recognise a diversity of need in education, both at university level and as a consequence of a premier league of universities, perhaps ten or a dozen in number, which would demand higher standards of achievement for entry and award higher standards of degree. These universities would be funded not merely by reference to the numbers of students, nor by their research performance, but according to the quality of their degrees.

These premier league universities would be able to demand higher standards for entry, perhaps four A levels (not including general studies), revitalised special papers, or — dare one say it — their own entrance examinations. Such a change would disadvantage nobody, but it would do wonders for the declining motivation of our brightest young men and women — and develop a major national asset.

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Beam me up, Mary and Joseph

Jane French welcomes the season of angels and shepherds

BARRY LEWIS



Time to find a doll to audition for the part of Jesus

As the end of term approaches, spare a thought for the teachers up and down the country who have spent weeks desperately seeking new angles on the Christmas theme — to their cost. For, over the years, I have attended scores of Nativity plays, concerts and services, of sometimes startling originality and dramatic impact, where the strain of the creative process has told on the face of every teacher.

Take the *Star Trek* Nativity play, conjured up by a deputy head who, after 20 years, had developed an allergy to shepherds and kings. The costumes were slick, the scenery drew gasps of admiration, the lighting was of a professional standard. Yet the parents complained: it wasn't "Christmassy" enough. And was it really in the best possible taste to "beam up" the Christ child like that?

Or the politically correct "celebration", scripted by an exhausted staff committee, and designed to incorporate aspects of "all faiths and none". Three months' hard work ended up, embarrassingly, with two religious conversions and a member of staff on sick-leave. Then there was the carol service featuring "original words and music" by the GCSE music group. The rhythmic complexity of the music defeated all but one parent — an opera singer — and the lyrics of the last song bordered on the blasphemous. The Head of Music scurried to his car afterwards, pleading a sudden onset of flu, rather than face the parents over the mulled wine and mince pies.

One sympathises with teachers. It must be galling, when you have tried so hard to make it fresh and interesting, when you have stressed in letters home that attendance is voluntary although all are most welcome. And when you are *still* aware of mutinous mutterings and whispered recriminations.

Yet I suspect that each of the aforementioned fiascos could have been avoided. For, when non-Christian families have the right to opt out, what most parents want is tradition, plain and simple. We will support no end of obscure plays, well-meaning inter-faith gatherings and gallantly original musical performances — throughout the school year. But what is needed at Christmas is a straight-down-the-line Nativity play, a service with candles, and carols we all know.

Some mothers actually enjoy all the playground speculation about who will play Mary this time, whose doll will be chosen for Jesus, and whether the school will use Mrs So-and-So's live donkey again, after what happened last year. The arty-crafty contingent really *want* to give up time they haven't got to help with the costumes and scenery. It's an integral part of Christmas to shiver in a candle-lit church, straining to see the words on the service sheet. And for sheer theatricality the grand processions favoured by my children's school every year in a vast cathedral take some beating. It is pleasantly nerve-racking to watch the procession set off, knowing it is under-rehearsed and that many of the younger children are still unreliable when it comes to left and right. And fun, as you listen to the fathers bellowing their way through *Good King Wenceslas*, to lay odds on whether everyone will arrive at the chancel steps as planned or, as in the run-through, suddenly perform a version of *Strip the Willow* half way down the nave.

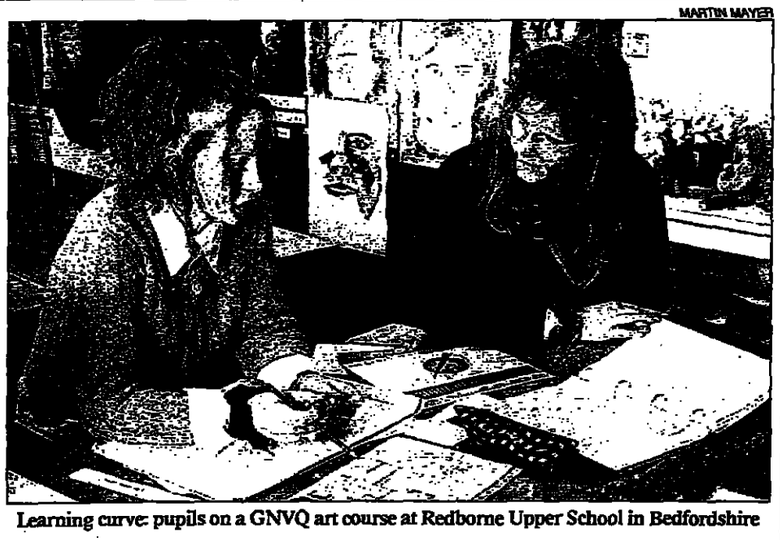
Admittedly, a traditional Christmas must be boring for the teachers, especially the infant department, who are usually the ones saddled with mounting that least flexible of yuletide traditions, the Nativity play. It is doubtless tedious, coaching aggressive angels in their glad tidings, reminding generations of shepherds that they must not forget to *hand over* their lambs, and emphasising that the inn-keeper must *not* say "Come in", as he has been threatening to do since it raised a laugh in rehearsal.

But the point is that the Christmas story is new to each intake of children. For this reason alone, it deserves its annual retelling. The school Nativity play with its gift-dropping kings and tongue-tied angels, the carol service with its squeaky violins and mumbled readings, lay a foundation of religious and cultural knowledge from which, later, may emerge understanding. The knowledge that our children are being thus civilised and enriched should sustain parents everywhere, as we spruce up our baby dolls to audition for the part of Jesus, or scour the shops for sandals and stripey towels. Or, in my case, prepare to risk hypothermia again in that vast cathedral.

David Charter has encouraging news for GNVQ students aiming to get on a degree course

Taking a vocation to university

MARTIN MAYER



Learning curve: pupils on a GNVQ art course at Redborne Upper School in Bedfordshire

Students on vocational courses fearing they will be frowned upon by universities can take heart from figures showing they are more likely to receive an offer of a place than A-level candidates.

Universities received 9,555 applications from students taking an advanced General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) last year, and 89 per cent were made at least one offer of a place.

This compared with the general offer rate of 86.5 per cent of all 393,000 students using the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

Preliminary findings from UCAS suggest about 60 per cent of all GNVQ candidates found a place this October.

However, there is still concern that GNVQs are not welcome at some traditional universities (as distinct from the former polytechnics).

Lord Henley, the minister responsible for vocational qualifications, this week said more had to be done before GNVQs — introduced in 1992 — took their full place in higher education, but he praised them for encouraging said advanced GNVQs were not a "soft option" but added: "Some older universities need to be convinced of their worth."

GNVQs are available in a growing range of subjects including business, leisure and tourism, art and design, health and social care, manufacturing, construction and the built environment, hospitality and catering, and science.

More are being added this year and next year, including engineering and media.

They test "competences" as well as knowledge, with each subject consisting of eight mandatory units, four further optional units and three "core skills" — communication, numeracy and information technology.

Traditional universities worry whether they involve enough essay-writing for students to learn how to develop arguments. But UCAS research shows that in the main, GNVQs prepare students well for university work.

However, the variety of skills sought by universities means the choice of a range of optional units would strengthen the GNVQ candidate's problems for large schools and colleges but can be difficult in small sixth forms.

Tony Higgins, UCAS chief executive, said small GNVQ centres "could restrict opportunities for students to progress" to some courses.

Only time will tell whether this means universities will look unfavourably on applicants from small sixth forms. For now, the better university offer rate for GNVQ applicants seems to reflect their targeting of institutions likely to treat them favourably.

Judith Compton, project manager of the GATE project (GNVQs and Access To Higher Education), said: "GNVQ students often want to apply to a related degree or HND and these are generally-based at the post-1992 universities, so GNVQ applicants to look at those universities."

She added: "There is a fair amount of opposition to change in the system but some of the traditional universities are looking at GNVQ applicants, although they do expect them to have a parallel to high-grade A level."

The top mark at advanced GNVQ, a distinction, is said to be equivalent to two A levels at grades A or B.

All GNVQ students applying through UCAS before the deadline for 1996 university entry of December 15 should know that the GATE directory is essential reading. It lists 6,000 courses at British universities which accept students with vocational qualifications.

Ms Compton added: "The nature of degree provision is the more highly theoretical degrees would be less appropriate for GNVQ students. It is a matter of students doing research across the breadth of provision to be sure they are applying to the right kinds of course."

GNVQ students can also take heart from the forecasts that their qualification structure is a blueprint for the future.

Sir Ron Dearing, the Government's chief curriculum adviser, is developing plans to broaden education from ages 16 to 19, which could see all teenagers tested on "core skills".

He also wants more common elements in academic and vocational courses, so youngsters can "mix and match" the most appropriate

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Private clampers commit no tort or crime

Arthur and Another v Anker

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment November 30]

A motorist who trespassed by parking his car on private property, having seen a warning notice there that a vehicle parked without proper authority would be wheel clamped and released on payment of a fee, was to be taken to have consented to the effect of the notice, provided that the release fee was reasonable, the vehicle was released without delay when the motorist tendered the fee and there were means by which the motorist might communicate his offer of payment.

Where, therefore, those conditions were fulfilled the wheel clamper's activity was neither tortious nor criminal.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mr David Arthur and Mrs Annette Arthur, from Judge Anthony Thompson, QC, who, sitting at Truro County Court: (i) dismissed their claim for compensation and exemplary and aggravated damages, for malicious falsehood and for tortious interference with their car against the defendant, Mr Thomas Anker, an employee of Armtrac Security Services, the agent of the leasehold owners of a private car park in Truro and (ii) gave judgment on the defendant's counterclaim for, inter alia, sums in respect of the wheel clamps and padlocks removed by the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs' car had been wheelclamped by the defendant after it had been parked without authority on private land in the centre of Truro. It was accepted that the first plaintiff in parking the car had seen the notice erected by Armtrac to the effect that vehicles left without authority would be clamped and a release fee of £40 would be charged.

It was also accepted that the plaintiff had seen the notices and that the release fee was reasonable.

Armtrac did not charge the leaseholders for their services, but looked for their remuneration solely to fees paid by trespassing drivers for their vehicles' release.

Mr John G. Cooper for the plaintiffs; Mr Timothy Ryder for the defendant; Mr Stephen Richards as amicus curiae.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the first ground of defence relied on was the medieval self-help remedy, adapted to modern conditions, of distress damage feasant whereby if a landowner found property of another causing damage on his land he could seize the offending property and withhold it from its owner until adequate compensation had been tendered for the damage done.

The second ground of defence was consent, or volenti fit injuria, which as Lord Herschell had said, in *Smith v Baker and Sons* ([1891] AC 325, 360), was a maxim founded on good sense and justice that "One who has invited or assented to an act being done towards him cannot, when he suffers from it, complain of it as a wrong."

Taking that second ground first his Lordship referred to *Cummings v Granger* ([1977] QB 397), *Ashdown v Samuel Williams & Sons Ltd* ([1957] 1 QB 409) and *Lloyd v DPP* ([1992] RTR 215).

By voluntarily accepting the risk that his car might be clamped Mr Arthur also accepted the risk that the car would remain clamped until he paid the reasonable cost of the clamping and declamping.

He consented not only to the otherwise tortious act of clamping but also to the otherwise tortious act of detaining the car until payment.

His Lordship would not accept that the clamper could exact any unreasonable or exorbitant charge for releasing the car, and the court would be slow to find an implied acceptance of such a charge.

The same would be true if the warning were not of clamping or towing away but of conduct by or on behalf of the landowner which would cause damage to the car.

Nor might the clamper justify detention of the car after the owner had indicated willingness to comply with the condition for release: the clamper could not justify any delay in releasing the car after the owner offered to pay, and there had to be means for the owner to communicate his offer.

But those situations did not arise in the present case. The judge had found that the declamping fee was reasonable. The contrary was not argued. The judge was right to hold that Mr Arthur impliedly consented to what had occurred, and he could not now complain of it.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal in so far as it rested on consent.

Turning to the defence of distress damage feasant, it was common ground that the remedy had survived and was in principle capable of applying to inanimate objects.

It was however plain that application of the remedy to facts such as the present was remote from anything which could ever have been contemplated by those who had developed the remedy; that if the remedy were in principle applicable it would apply to a party who genuinely did not know that he was trespassing and had received no notice that his car might be clamped; and that that application of the remedy would be unlikely to promote social harmony between the clamper and the clamped.

His Lordship did not feel constrained to undertake heroic surgery to seek to apply that medieval remedy to twentieth century facts such as the present.

He set out the following reasons for doubting whether the remedy could apply:

1 The object of the remedy was to enable a party entitled to possession of land to take prompt action to stop or prevent damage to it or anything on it by seizing and impounding any trespassing chattel until its owner claimed it and tendered appropriate compensation.

The most obvious self-help remedy, and that most commonly resorted to in the case of trespassing livestock, was to eject or remove the trespassing thing, but that deprived the landowner of any security for damage actually done to him by the trespassing thing, and ejectment or removal of a trespassing car from a city centre private car park posed special problems.

The result of clamping the plaintiff's car was not to stop or prevent the car from causing whatever damage it was causing but to ensure that it would continue to cause the very damage of which the leaseholders complained.

On any showing it was anomalous that a self-help remedy should amount in effect to a self-inflicted wound. The truth was that the clamping of trespassing cars was effected as a deterrent, not to stop an existing trespass or prevent future damage by the trespassing chattel on the occasion when it was clamped.

It would not, however, appear that deterrence had much, if anything, to do with that remedy as originally developed.

2 A mere technical trespass, mere unlawful presence on the land without more, was not enough. Actual damage would be shown if the party entitled to use the land were denied or obstructed in its use.

Thus if any of the leaseholders or their licensees were unable to use the car park by the trespassing car that would amount to actual damage. But there was no such evidence here.

3 The distrainor could retain the trespassing chattel as security for his claim to be compensated for the actual damage he had suffered as a result of the trespass.

But it was plain that in a case such as the present a flat charge for release, imposed irrespective of the period of the trespass, and the time of day or night when it occurred, and paid not to the leaseholders, who suffered the damage, but to augment the profit of an agent who suffered no damage, had no compensatory element at all.

Since Armtrac rendered their services to the leaseholders without charge and looked for their remuneration solely to release fees paid by trespassing drivers, the payments could not be treated as discharging any liability of the principal to the agent.

Even if it were accepted that a landowner might in some circumstances distrain damage feasant a car parked without permission on his land, he could only do so to recover compensation for actual damage he had suffered.

The leaseholders were not found to have suffered any actual damage, they had no claim to be compensated, and what the defendant claimed as their agent was not compensation.

On the question of crime his Lordship referred to *Stear v Scott* ([1992] RTR 226) and *Lloyd v DPP* from which it would appear to be clear that the plaintiffs were not on any showing entitled to convert the clamps and padlocks belonging to Mr Anker.

His Lordship distinguished *Black v Carmichael* (*The Times* June 25, 1992; 1992 SCCR 709) where wheel clampers, although held not to be guilty of extortion, were held to have been guilty of theft, since an intention to deprive the owner permanently of the goods was not a necessary ingredient of the offence of theft in Scots law.

That was not the law in England: see sections 1(1) and 6 of the Theft Act 1968.

Nor was the defendant even arguably guilty of blackmail under section 21 of the 1968 Act. If his Lordship's conclusion on consent was correct, the defendant had reasonable grounds for demanding payment and was entitled to reinforce his demand by his threat to keep the car clamped until he was paid.

Even if the conclusion on consent was wrong, the defendant believed that he had reasonable grounds to demand payment and to keep the car clamped until he was paid.

The answer to the present case was not to be found in the criminal law.

Lord Justice Neill delivered a judgment concurring with the Master of the Rolls.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST, agreeing with the Master of the Rolls on the issues of consent and crime, delivered a judgment concluding that the remedy of distress damage feasant was also available to the defendant.

Solicitors: Natasha Arthur, Truro; Nalder & Son, Truro; Treasury Solicitor.

Knowledge of use of loan not imputed to lender

Halifax Mortgage Services Ltd (formerly BNP Mortgages Ltd) v Stepsky and Another

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment November 24]

A wife had no defence to a lender's claim for repossession of the matrimonial home when the same solicitor had acted for the lender, and for her and her husband as borrowers, where she thought the surplus moneys of a remortgage were intended for home improvements, and they were in fact used to pay debts, since on the plain wording of section 199(1)(ii)(b) of the Law of Property Act 1925 the knowledge of the true purpose of the loan was not imputed to the lender.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing, for different reasons, an appeal brought by the second defendant, Mrs Penelope Stepsky, against the decision of Mr Edward Nugee QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division (*The Times* June 27, 1995; [1995] 3 WLR 701) ordering possession of the matrimonial home to Halifax Mortgage Services Ltd, the lender.

Section 199 of the Law of Property Act 1925 provides: "(1) A purchaser shall not be prejudicially affected by notice of — ... (ii) any other instrument or matter or any fact of thing unless — ... (b) in the same transaction with respect to which a question of notice to the purchaser arises, it has come to the knowledge of ... his solicitor or other agent, as such, or would have come to the knowledge of his solicitor or other agent, as such, if such inquiries and inspections had been made as ought reasonably to have been made by the solicitor or other agent."

Mr Martin Mann, QC and Miss Amanda Harington for Mrs Stepsky; Mr Romie Tager, QC and Mr Hugh Jackson for the lender.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that the lender advanced £128,215 to Mr and Mrs Stepsky on the security of a first charge over their home of which they were registered in the Land Registry as the joint proprietors.

Of the moneys so advanced, after paying the costs involved, £104,139 was paid to redeem their pre-existing first charge and the balance of £23,200 was paid to the credit of the husband.

On January 27, 1992, default having occurred in the making of payments due under the legal charge, the lender issued an originating summons seeking an order for possession of the property. On July 12, 1994 the master made the order sought in summary proceedings under Order 88 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The wife appealed and Mr Nugee dismissed her appeal on the ground that the knowledge of the solicitors then acting for the lender and for the husband and wife as to the purpose of the loan was not to be imputed to the lender. Accordingly, he held that there was no reasonable probability of the wife having a defence to the lender's claim. The wife now appealed to the Court of Appeal.

The judge considered the argument for the wife based on the knowledge of the solicitors. That comprised three steps.

The first was to the effect that the solicitors knew that the further advance was going to be used to meet the debts of the husband's company, that that was not the purpose for which the husband and the wife had applied for the loan and was not a purpose which benefited them jointly.

Second, such knowledge was acquired by the solicitors in the course of a transaction in which they acted in that capacity for the lender and which they were under a duty to communicate to the lender.

Third, such knowledge had to be imputed to the lender in accordance with the long established principles set out in *Halsbury's Laws of England* (4th edition, paragraph 149) and *Bowstead on Agency* (15th edition (1985) p412).

The judge posed the issue between the parties in the following terms:

"Where a solicitor is acting for both a borrower and a lender in the same transaction, and he obtains from the borrower knowledge of some fact which it is his duty to the borrower not to disclose to the lender without the borrower's consent, and which it is his duty to the lender to communicate to him, is knowledge of that fact to be imputed to the lender?"

The judge concluded that the lender had not had any notice that any part of the loan was going to be applied for a purpose which was not for the joint benefit of the defendants, and that it was not therefore put on inquiry and could not be fixed with constructive notice of the misrepresentation or undue influence on which Mrs Stepsky relied.

It was contended on behalf of Mrs Stepsky that the judge was wrong for two reasons.

First, that as between the lender and the solicitors there was a paramount duty on the latter to disclose the true purpose of the loan.

Second, there was no conflict because the husband was contractually bound to inform the lender of the true purpose of the loan.

In either event, so the argument ran, the knowledge of the solicitors was to be imputed to the lender. Neither party had made reference in its skeleton arguments to section 199 of the 1925 Act and it seemed that it had not been drawn to the attention of the judge.

Counsel for Mrs Stepsky submitted that it did not apply as the knowledge of the solicitors for the lender as such when they were instructed to act on behalf of the lender. In the case of the wife it was submitted that the solicitors were not instructed by her as "agents to know".

His Lordship could not accept either submission. In his Lordship's view, the section had to be applied in accordance with its terms to the facts of the case.

There was no doubt that the information as to the true purpose of the remortgage loan imparted by the husband came to the knowledge of the solicitors as solicitors for the husband and wife alone for they were not instructed to act for the lenders until a week later.

Once that knowledge had been acquired, it remained with the solicitors and could not be treated as coming to them again when they were instructed on behalf of the lenders. As counsel for the wife accepted, their knowledge could not be treated as divided or disposed of and reacquired in that way.

The conclusion seemed inescapable to his Lordship: namely that knowledge of the relevant matters, facts or things did not come to the solicitors as the solicitors for the lenders. Accordingly, it did not come to them "as such".

It was not disputed that the lender was a purchaser within the definition in section 205(1)(xx) of the 1925 Act. Consequently, section 199(1)(ii)(b) precluded the solicitors' knowledge of the relevant matters or facts being imputed to the lender.

Moreover, the wife faced a dilemma. If the section did not apply so that the knowledge of the solicitors was to be imputed to the lender, it was difficult to see why on the same basis the same knowledge should not be imputed to the wife as well.

His Lordship did not accept that suggestion that the solicitors were instructed on behalf of the wife in some lesser or ministerial capacity when compared with their position as the solicitors for either the lender or the husband. She was a joint owner of the property and jointly liable for the mortgage being redeemed and for that by which it was to be replaced.

In those circumstances it was at least arguable that she would have no claim to set aside the transaction as against the husband so that there would be no equity of which the lender could have notice.

Even if she had some such equity, from the lender's point of view, she was being represented by the same solicitors who might fairly be assumed by the lender to be performing their duty to all three clients.

The wife's appeal failed because on the plain wording of section 199(1)(ii)(b) of the 1925 Act the knowledge possessed by the solicitors as to the use to which the surplus moneys available in consequence of the remortgage were to be applied was not to be imputed to the lender in the present case.

Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: J. J. Goldstein & Co, Hendon; Glenisters, Ruislip.

Children's wishes on name thwarted

In re B (Minors) (Change of surname)

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Wilson

[Judgment November 21]

While it was virtually unknown in family law to make court orders which ran contrary to the wishes of normal adolescent children, that principle applied to residence or contact but did not extend to the formal change of surname from that of their father to their stepfather. Such an order would only serve to injure the link between the father and the children.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal brought by the mother of three children, aged 16, 14 and 12, against the refusal by Judge Crawford, QC, at Newcastle upon Tyne County Court on May 17, 1995 to give leave to cause them to be known by a new surname.

Miss Sarah Woolrich for the mother; Miss Pauline Moulder for the father.

MR JUSTICE WILSON said that the children lived with their mother and her present husband. The mother had married her first husband in 1980 by which time she had already had the first child by another man and that child had been formally adopted by the first husband. The other two children were the natural children of the marriage.

The marriage broke down in 1986 and had since been dissolved. In 1988 the mother began to live with Mr H and they were married in 1992.

By 1990 all direct contact between the three children and their father had broken down because of the children's opposition to him. Since then the father had sent birthday and Christmas cards but the children destroyed them without even opening them.

The estrangement seemed absolute, subject to the fact that the father paid, albeit with some past irregularity, modest sums pursuant to orders for periodical payments for them.

In 1990 custody of the children had been granted to the mother. The order contained the usual provision against the mother taking any step which would result in the children being known by a new surname except with the father's consent or the leave of the court.

Even though the mother did not have a residence order under the Children Act 1989, the mother's application for leave had rightly been treated as an application under section 13(1)(a) of the 1989 Act, since the principles were identical.

The mother's case before the judge was founded substantially upon the wishes of all three children that their surname be changed to that of their stepfather. Since the time of her remarriage, the children had become generally known by his name, particularly in school, because they had asked to be known as that.

However, in the formal records of the school, they continued to be known by their father's surname. That was something which irked and embarrassed them and had prompted the mother to make the application.

Miss Woolrich had submitted that the judge had failed to give sufficient weight to the wishes of adolescent children and that rendered his decision plainly wrong.

His Lordship agreed that nowadays orders which ran flatly contrary to the wishes of normal children were virtually unknown to family law.

But in his Lordship's view there was a big distinction between, for example, a residence or contact order made in the teeth of such opposition and the order made the judge here which left the existing prohibition in force. The nature of the prohibition did not, and could not, proscribe the surname which the children asked teachers, friends and relations to attribute to them.

Miss Woolrich resurrected the argument that it was embarrassing for the children to be known by a surname other than that of the adults in their household. But in his Lordship's opinion the law must not lag behind the times.

In these days of such frequent divorce and remarriage and such frequent cohabitation and indeed the preservation of different surnames even within marriage, there was no opprobrium nowadays for a child to have a different surname from that of the adults in the household. That view was supported by a comment by Lord Justice Ralph Gibson in *In re F (Child: Surname)* ([1993] 2 FLR 837, 838).

There did not appear to have been any reported case on the principles relevant to a formal change of child's surname for 13 years.

Paradoxically, the first in the run of such cases *In re T (orse H) (an Infant)* ([1963] Ch 238) seemed to his Lordship to identify what was still a most relevant consideration.

Mr Justice Buckley suggested (at p242) that it was "injurious to the link between the father and the child to suggest to the child that there is some reason why it is desirable that she should be called by some name other than her father's name."

It seemed to his Lordship that the principle was rightly at the forefront of the judge's approach when he said that the grant of leave would have served to give the court's approval to a process not in the best interests of the children. The appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed.

Solicitors: David Gray & Co, Newcastle upon Tyne; Yarwood & Stubley, Blythe.

Physical safety device required

Regina v Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Ltd

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Wright and Judge Wickham

[Judgment November 10]

An employer's statutory duty to prevent people from falling through fragile material was not fulfilled by a code of practice or a system of work based on instruction; some physical safety device was required.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Ltd against its conviction in September 1994 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Joseph and a jury) of failing to discharge the duty imposed by section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, for which it was fined £7,500, and of failing to comply with the requirements of regulation 36(2) of the Construction (Working Places) Regulations (SI 1966 No 94, as amended by SI 1984 No 1593), for which it was fined £2,500. The company was also ordered to pay £55,000 towards prosecution costs.

Section 3 of the 1974 Act provides:

"(1) It shall be the duty of every employer to conduct his undertaking in such a way as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that persons not in his employment who may be affected thereby are not thereby exposed to risks to their health or safety."

Regulation 36 of the 1966 Regulations 1966, as amended, provides:

"(2) ... no persons shall pass or work near [material which would be liable to fracture if his weight were to be applied to it and so situated that if it were to be so fractured he would be liable to fall a distance of more than two metres] unless provision is made by means of such one or more or all or any of the following, that is to say, suitable guard-rails, coverings and other suitable means as are necessary for preventing, so far as reasonably practicable, any person so passing or working from falling through the said material."

Mr R. Alun Jones, QC and Mr Andrew Hochhauser for the appellant; Mr Antonio Bueno, QC and Mr Nicholas Wood for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE WRIGHT, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that three men had been carrying out repairs to roof-lights at the appellant company's factory premises at Dagenham.

One, Mr Mitchell, was an employee of the company and the other two, Mr Fagg and Mr Harris, were employees of a subcontractor. Mr Harris, in disobedience to instructions given to him to remain below, climbed on to the roof and fell through a roof-light on to the concrete floor of the building some 28ft below. He subsequently died of his injuries.

On appeal, it was argued, inter alia, by Mr Jones that the trial judge when summing-up, misdirected the jury in two respects:

First, by instructing them that the requirement for "other suitable means" in regulation 36, as a matter of law, contemplated only "some kind of physical preventative protective device" and thus could not be met by a system of work based on instruction or modus operandi.

Second, the judge misdirected the jury when he told them that it was necessary for the appellant company to prove, on the probabilities, that it was impracticable to comply with the regulations, and not merely that it was not reasonably practicable so to do.

Mr Jones submitted that the judge was correct. Regulation 36(2) required the provision of such suitable means as might be necessary for preventing, so far as reasonably practicable, persons from falling through fragile material.

A code of practice, a system of work, a body of instructions, or even the provision of a supervisor did not and was not capable of preventing the fall of a man through fragile material. Such an accident might occur in a split second, as a result of inattention or inadvertence.

Plainly, what was required, in cases where guard rails or covering could not effectively be provided was some other form of physical device such as a safety harness or something of that kind.

So far as the second limb of this ground was concerned the words "so far as reasonably practicable" governed the capacity of the safety devices provided pursuant to the regulation to prevent accidental falls. They did not govern the obligation to provide such safety devices.

In order to escape the requirement of regulation 36(2) the employer could only appeal to regulation 38 and then only if he provided the alternative safety devices that that regulation required. Regulation 38 only came into play where it was impractical to comply with all or any of the requirements of, inter alia, regulation 36.

Accordingly, the judge was right to direct the jury that the appropriate test was that of impracticability, and not reasonably practicability; and he correctly directed the jury that that requirement was a higher one than "reasonably practicable" but not as high as "impossible".

The requirement to provide some suitable means to prevent falls through fragile materials under regulation 36(2) was, subject only to the locus poenitentiae provided by regulation 38, absolute. That ground of appeal therefore failed.

So far as section 3 of the Act of 1974 was concerned, it was unnecessary to consider how the matter was affected by the fact that Mr Harris acted in disobedience to instructions given to him to remain below.

His colleague, Mr Fagg, was working on the roof in accordance with Mr Mitchell's instructions and he was named in the indictment as being one of the persons in respect of whom the appellant was in breach of its obligation under section 3 of the 1974 Act. The fact that it was not he who suffered the accident was of no relevance in the application of section 3.

The company's failure to comply with the requirement of regulation 36(2) of the 1966 regulations so far as Mr Mitchell was concerned, by parity of reasoning, put them in breach of their obligations under section 3 of the 1974 in respect of Mr Fagg.

Accordingly the company was rightly convicted of that offence and the appeal in respect of that count would also be dismissed.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Solicitor, Health and Safety Executive.

Corrections

In *R v Saunders* (*The Times* November 28) Mr Richard Gillis also appeared as junior for the Crown; Mr Mark Ellison, for Lyons, did appear below; Stephenson Harwood acted for Lyons; Vernor Miles & Noble acted for Saunders.

In *Attorney-General's Reference (No 3 of 1994)* (*The Times* Novem-

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ORDER OF COURT ON REDUCTION OF SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT
Company No. 2481966
Whereas HUNTERS ARMLEY GROUP PLC having by Special Resolution reduced its share premium account as confirmed by an Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 17th November 1995 Now therefore I hereby certify that the said Order was registered pursuant to section 138 of the Companies Act 1985 on the 23rd November 1995
Given at Companies House, Cardiff, the 23rd November 1995
MR. F.A. JOSEPH
For The Registrar Of Companies

TDG INVESTMENTS LTD
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 22643
NOTICE TO CREDITORS. On 17 November 1995 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Mr John Roger Hill and Mr Mark Ian Fishman of Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading, RG1 3BD were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members. The Joint Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to John Roger Hill, Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading, RG1 3BD by 20 December 1995.
The Joint Liquidators also give notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 21 December 1995 they intend to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 20 December 1995 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 28th November 1995
M. FISHMAN, Joint Liquidator

Q A PERSONNEL LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K D Goodman, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 2nd Floor, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 27th November 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

No 006960 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 9th November 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named Company for the confirmation of (a) the reduction of its capital from £1,001,734 to £110,016 (b) the cancellation of its share premium account of £4,995,502 and (c) the cancellation of its capital redemption reserve of £84,768.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 13th December, 1995.
Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the reduction of capital and the cancellation of share premium account and capital redemption reserve should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 1st day of December, 1995
ALLEN & OVERY
One New Change London EC4M 9QQ
Solicitors for the above named Company

ACCELERATION INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
(the "Company")
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act") that:
(1) the Company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
(2) the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £234,980 and the special resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 24th November 1995;
(3) in the statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by sections 173 and 174 of the Act are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Suite B, 15 17 High Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1LD; and
(4) any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 24th November 1995 apply to the court under sections 176 and 177 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment.
Beachcroft Stanleys
50 Fetter al Street

No.006855 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BARNHAM BROOM GOLF CLUB LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 6th November 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company by the sum of £1,448,972.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2 on Wednesday the 20th day of December 1995
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A COPY of said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 24th day of November 1995
Mills & Reeve (Ref. RJH)
3/7 Redwell Street
Norwich
Norfolk
NR2 4JT
Solicitors for the above named Company

NOTICE
1993 FOLIO 152
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
ADMIRALTY COURT
SHIPS: "THE "SPRING PANDA"
AND THE "MC EMERALD"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons with CLAIMS against ZEEPEDERIJ IJMUIDEN B.V. as Owners of the Ship "SPRING PANDA" in respect of the collision between the "SPRING PANDA" and the "MC EMERALD" which occurred off Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 15th September, 1990 that in the Admiralty Action in the High Court of Justice 1993 Folio No. 152 ZEEPEDERIJ IJMUIDEN B.V., as Owners of the Ship "SPRING PANDA", Plaintiffs, and the Owners of the Ship "MC EMERALD" and the Owners of the cargo and containers lately laden on board the ship "MC EMERALD" and Others, the Defendants, a Decree was made on the 24th day of November 1995, limiting the liability of the Plaintiffs in respect of all claims, other than for loss of life or personal injury, arising out of the above collision to £2,562,574.20 allowing until the 8th day of March 1996 for the filing of claims or the taking out of Summonses to set this Decree aside
HILL TAYLOR DICKINSON
Irongate House, Duke's Place,

No.006857 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BARNHAM BROOM PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 6th November 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company by the sum of £1,732,781.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2 on Wednesday the 20th day of December 1995
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A COPY of said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 24th day of November 1995
Mills & Reeve (Ref: RJH)
3/7 Redwell Street
Norwich
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NR2 4JT
Solicitors for the above named Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ELMWOOD CARPENTRY AND JOINERY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 22 December 1995 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 5EA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED 24 of November 1995.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
DIRECTOR K. ARNOLD

NOTICE
1990 FOLIO NO 244
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
ADMIRALTY COURT
SHIPS: "TAIKO MARU NO. 38"
and "LAMA"
Notice is hereby given to all persons with claims against Murata Gyogyo KK as Owners of the Ship "TAIKO MARU NO. 38" in respect of the collision between the "TAIKO MARU NO. 38" and the "LAMA" which occurred off the coast of Morocco on 7th April 1989 that in the Admiralty Action in the High Court of Justice 1990 Folio No. 244 between Murata Gyogyo KK as Owners of the ship "TAIKO MARU NO. 38" Plaintiffs and Answer Shipping Co Ltd as Owners of the ship "LAMA", Clarendon Ltd, Philipp Brothers Ltd, Derby & Co, Division of Philipp Brothers Ltd, Kaiser Aluminium International Inc, Kaiser Aluminium & Chemical Corporation, Aluminium Hamelhorn GMBH, AMG Amag Metall GMBH, Elders Exotic Limited and PTC Partners (Body Corporate) the Owners of the cargo lately laden aboard the ship "LAMA" and Others, the Defendants, a decree was made on the 24thday of November 1995 limiting the liability of the Plaintiffs in respect of all claims, other than for loss of life or personal injury, arising out of the above collision to £167,958.52 allowing until 8th day of March 1996 for the filing of claims or the taking out of Summonses to set this decree aside
Hill Taylor Dickinson of Irongate House,
Duke's Place,
London EC3A 7LP.
United Kingdom.
Solicitors for the Plaintiffs.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
DUDSET LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 15 December 1995 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
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Wakeham fires broadside at bookmakers

By Julian Muscat

ATTEMPTS by bookmakers to lay their hands on the £65 million betting duty concession were sharply rebuked yesterday by Lord Wakeham, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) member and former Leader of the Lords, who was emphatic that racing would receive a direct slice of the action.

"Racing must — and let there be no doubt, it will — secure its fair and direct share of funds released by the duty reduction. A reduction in the deduction [from punters] alone is not enough — and is not on offer," he said.

Wakeham's assertion follows the spin put by bookmakers on the Chancellor's intention that proceeds should be shared between the bookmaking industry and horse and greyhound racing. Tom Kelly, director-general of the Betting Office Licensees' Association, maintained that each faction would benefit from a cut in "betting tax", at present levied on all bets at 10 per cent.

But Wakeham, strongly tipped to take over as BHB chairman when Lord Hartington steps down in June, could hardly be better placed to interpret the Chancellor's message — if indeed any clarification is necessary. A former cabinet minister, he moves freely in political circles and has rare access to Westminster's corridors. In previous years the bookmakers would be odds-on to secure the duty prize in its entirety. But there is now a growing belief in racing's ability to hold its own in such complex disputes.

Wakeham recognised as much when he said: "The duty cut is a vindication of the positive campaign we have mounted over the past few months. It is testimony to the strength of the economic arguments we have put together piece by piece. Our great industry has done an enormous amount off its own bat in recent years to improve the attraction of racing and, as a result, to increase betting turnover."

Otherwise, Wakeham's words were very much those of an aspirant to the BHB chair. In addition to a ringing endorsement of the Board, there was recognition for the part played by owners, racecourses and the overall marketing campaign in the sport's voyage down a more commercial road.

For Remittance Man, the road to his recognition among the best steeplechasers has been unreasonably cruel. The brilliant but injury-prone horse embarks on another campaign at Sandown today, although his trainer, Nicky Henderson, is pessimistic about the 11-year-old successfully conceding 15lb to Egypt Mill Prince after an absence of 20 months.

"He is as fit as we dare have him for his reappearance but he'll be pushed to give the weight," the trainer said. "We want to get a race into him on [good] ground that he'll like. We're starting him off over 2½ miles because his objective is the King George VI Chase over three miles at Kempton."

Henderson travelled to Windsor yesterday to watch his Dear Do gain a well-deserved victory in the BDO Hayward Handicap Chase. But his return trip to Lambourn would have been a breeze compared to that faced by the Hull-based permit holder, William Bethell, who watched in astonishment as Ubu Val upset a strong field for the Woodside Novices' Chase. "The journey home will be a lot shorter after that," the elated trainer said.

Amanda Perrett will have left the course with mixed emotions. Her joy at bringing home Royal Square the winner of the Dorney Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase was tempered when the stewards threw the rulebook at her. She was suspended for five days for using her whip with undue frequency, in the wrong place and out of Royal Square's stride pattern.

The riding honours went to Tony McCoy, who, in addition to his spill from Chief Celt, garnered a near 29-1 treble aboard Teinein, Master Beveled and Zajira. McCoy's fortunes came in stark contrast to his experiences at Hereford 24 hours earlier, when the most fruitful of his four rides finished last. He ended up on the floor in the other three.

MARC ASPLAND



Silhouettes across the water as Dear Do, noseband, makes headway on the far side to capture the handicap chase at Windsor yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SIR PETER LELY (3.00 Sandown Park)

Next best: Eulogy (2.30 Sandown Park)

Share issue should keep Bayfield at Franklins Gardens

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

NORTHAMPTON, one of England's best-established rugby union clubs, became the subject of a financial takeover yesterday. Following in the wake of Newcastle and Saracens, the second-division leaders will propose turning themselves into a limited company at an extraordinary general meeting on December 10.

Keith Barwell, a businessman from Kettering, has agreed to an investment of £1 million in a new share issue, with a further issue worth £400,000 to be held in trust on behalf of the club's 2,500 membership. "I have given the club certain assurances that they will have the right to buy back the controlling interest of the club," Barwell, 51, said.

"In the future, I do see additional sums of money being required. They will be available. I believe this is the final brick in the wall which makes us very powerful."

Northampton, unbeaten in the Courage Clubs Championship this season, are virtually assured of promotion anyway, but can now look forward to retaining their best players, among them Martin Bayfield, the England lock who has already been made a substantial offer by Harlequins.

Northampton, are geared for a professional future after the internal revolution of seven years ago that prompted a remarkable upswing in the club's fortunes. Geoff Allen, the chief executive, said: "Our long-term plans involve participation in Europe or the Anglo-Welsh league, which will bring in additional revenue, but that's in the future.

"The present is that we have to offer our players contracts and that means financial backing. We believe that, if we don't do it now, then, in a few months' time, it will be too late."

Martin Hynes, Northampton's loose-head prop and vice-captain, has been restored to the North's divisional XV for the meeting with the Western Samoans at Huddersfield on Tuesday. He replaces Phil Winstanley. Dave Baldwin, of Sale, returns at lock.

In an attempt to make the Middlesex seven-a-side tournament more attractive to a television audience, the organisers have plans to invite a rugby league team to compete at Twickenham on May 11. Derek Mann, the tournament secretary, said: "We are very keen to have Wigan and have [Martin] Offiah back on the stage where his reputation began." Offiah, the Wigan and Great Britain wing, was a member of the Rosslyn Park side beaten in the 1987 final.

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NORTHERN DIVISION: T Stimpson (West Hartlepool); J Naylor (Orrell), W Greenwood (Harlequins), P Johnson (Orrell, captain), J Mallinder (Sale); R Liley (Sale), A Healey (Orrell); M Hynes (Northampton), S Diamond (Sale), M Shelley (West Hartlepool), M Greenwood (Wasps), D Baldwin (Sale), J Fowler (Sale), N Ashurst (Sale), C Vyvyan (Sale). Replacements: J Baxendell (Sale), N Ryan (Waterloo), D Scully (Wakefield), T Herbert (West Hartlepool), G Baldwin (Wakefield), R Arnold (Newcastle).

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(Qualifier: £3,599: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1 1/42-102 CALL EQUINAME 20 (B,D,G) (M Coburn, P Barber, C Lewis) P Nicholls 5-11-10 A P McCoy 89
2 1-3 CRACK ON 23 (BF,G) (D Peppiatt) P Hobbs 5-11-0 G McCourt 89
3 2 GENERAL JACKIE 21 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) J Gifford 5-11-0 E Murphy 75
4 0- GREENSIDE CHAT 265 (The Fairway Partnership) S Dow 5-11-0 A Dicken —
5 MARCHES MAGIC (The Marchura Partnership) J Gifford 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs —
6 2 MYWEND'S 27 (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 5-11-0 G Bradley —
7 NONE STIRRED (C Frewin) J Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide —
8 30-F REVEREND BROWN 15 (BF) (J Palmer-Brown) O Sherwood 5-11-0 J Osborne —
9 3-1 SUCCOTASH 167 (G) (Pioneer Heat-Treatment) N Henderson 4-11-0 M A Fitzgerald —
10 1-2 YOUR RISK 37 (BF,F) (The Sterling Bears) S Christian 5-11-0 D Gallagher —
11 0- ZIP YOUR LIP 287 (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 5-11-0 Miss Lucy Townsley (7) —

BETTING: 7-4 Call Equiname, 3-1 Reverend Brown, 5-1 Succotash, Crack On, 10-1 General Jackie, 12-1 others.

1994: BRAES OF MAR 4-11-0 J R Kavanagh (33-1) N Henderson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALL EQUINAME 5l 2nd of 12 to Mandys Mantino in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). CRACK ON 5l and neck last of 3 to Le Khoumf in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good to firm). GENERAL JACKIE 10l 2nd of 3 to Tim in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to firm). MYWEND'S 2½l 2nd of 11 to Neat Feat in National Hunt Flat race here (2m 110yd, good to firm). REVEREND BROWN 17l 3rd of 25 to Red Blazer in National Hunt Flat race at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy). SUCCOTASH beat Tosla 4l in 13-runner National Hunt Flat race at Market Rasen (1m 5f 110yd, good). YOUR RISK neck 2nd of 8 to Wilde Music in National Hunt Flat race at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: CALL EQUINAME

1.25 RICHARD FULFORD-SMITH NOVICES CHASE
(£5,362: 2m 4f 110yd) (2 runners)

1 /1/245-1 SHARP PERFORMER 15 (G) (Mrs S Ellen) K Bailey 6-11-2 A Thornton 89
2 F51125/ DARK HONEY 611 (G,S) (R Sayer) S Dow 10-10-12 R Dunwoody —

BETTING: 8-11 Dark Honey, 11-10 Sharp Performer.

1994: NEWTON POINT 5-10-12 A Maguire (4-5 fav) T George 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHARP PERFORMER beat Polden Pride 7l in 11-runner novices handicap chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good). DARK HONEY short-head 2nd of 32 to Tiodari in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good to soft) March 1994.
Selection: SHARP PERFORMER

2.00 CROWNGAP CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CHASE
(£6,852: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 11/1F4/ REMITTANCE MAN 602 (D,F,G,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 11-11-12 R Dunwoody —
2 200-312 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 20 (D,F,G,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-11 W Marston 89
3 24F11-P KING CREDO 34 (C,F,G,S) (J Bolam) S Woodman 10-10-0 A P McCoy 84
4 121-111 LONESOME GLORY 19 (F,G,S) (Mrs W Jelleris) C Brooks 7-10-0 Blythe Miller —

Long handicap: King Credo 9-7, Lonesome Glory 9-6

BETTING: 4-6 Egypt Mill Prince, 5-2 Remittance Man, 8-1 King Credo, Lonesome Glory.

1994: GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 12-12-0 C Maude (9-4) P Hobbs 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

REMITTANCE MAN beat Deep Sensation 3½l in chase at Kempton (2m, soft) February 1991. EGYPT MILL PRINCE ½l 2nd of 12 to Dublin Flyer in grade II Mackeson Handicap Chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good). KING CREDO beat Around The Horn 1¾l in handicap chase here (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) final start last season. LONESOME GLORY beat Rowdy Irishman 1¼l in listed chase at Camden, USA (2m 6f, firm).
Selection: KING CREDO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Nicholls	4	10	40.0	R Dunwoody	27	96	28.1
D Nicholson	27	71	38.0	W Marston	4	16	25.0
Mrs M Reveley	6	17	35.3	A Dicken	3	17	17.6
S Woodman	3	9	33.3	P Niven	3	18	16.7
J Gifford	24	118	20.3	J Osborne	15	100	15.0
M Pipe	11	60	18.3	Only qualifiers			

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 CROWNGAP WINTER NOVICES HURDLE
(Grade II: £9,555: 2m 6f) (5 runners)

1 402-111 FATHER SKY 27 (D,F) (K Kerfield) O Sherwood 4-11-7 J Osborne 90
2 F0P-111 GALLOWS HILL 131 (F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-4 P Niven —
3 1F-11 SEE MORE BUSINESS 15 (D,G,S) (J Keighley) P Nicholls 5-11-4 A P McCoy 84
4 2F EULOGY 9 (BF) (N Cooper) P Rowe 5-11-0 D O'Sullivan 84
5 126 WISHING 20 (B,BF,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 89

BETTING: 9-4 Father Sky, 3-1 Gallows Hill, See More Business, 5-1 Wishing, 6-1 Eulogy

1994: ROBERTY LEA 5-11-0 P Niven (4-1) Mrs M Reveley 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FATHER SKY beat The Last Fling 25l in 3-runner grade II St Modwen Classic Novices Hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). GALLOWS HILL beat Haunting Music 2l in 11-runner novice hurdle at Tipperary (2m 4f, good). SEE MORE BUSINESS beat Yahoo 4l in 16-runner novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good). EULOGY 1l 2nd of 6 to Wisley Wonder in novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to firm). WISHING 1¼l 2nd of 8 to Clifton Beat in 4-y-o hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: FATHER SKY

3.00 P & O HANDICAP CHASE
(£6,806: 3m 5f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 1101-21 WILLSFORD 20 (D,F,G,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-10 W Marston 95
2 2331U5- MR BOSTON 216 (C,F,G,S) (M Gidham) Mrs M Reveley 10-10-13 P Niven 90
3 1021F-3 FLYER'S NAP 20 (BF,G,S) (R Tory) R Alner 9-10-9 Mr P Henley (5) 89
4 1U3/36P- MERE CLASS 287 (F,G,S) (Mrs P Elsbury) C Brooks 9-10-6 G Bradley 85
5 1F445-F INTO THE RED 13 (G,S) (J Huckle) J White 11-10-5 R Guest 84
6 1430-54 GOLD CAP 20 (B,CD,G,S) (G Meadows) P Hobbs 10-10-4 R Dunwoody 88
7 11200-3 MELEAGRIS 18 (F,G,S) (D Jackson) D Nicholson 11-10-3 D Gallagher 92
8 144P-52 SIR PETER LELY 13 (F,G,S) (J Doyle Const Ltd) M Hammond 8-10-1 Mr C Bonner (3) 92
9 U-14110 STRAIGHT TALK 20 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs C Paterson) P Nicholls 9-10-0 A P McCoy 97

Long handicap: Straight Talk 9-13

BETTING: 7-2 Flyer's Nap, 5-1 Meleagris, Willsford, 6-1 Mr Boston, Sir Peter Lely, 8-1 Gold Cap, 10-1 others.

1994: GOLD CAP 9-11-8 G McCourt (15-8) P Hobbs 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WILLSFORD beat Earth Summit 9l in handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 3f 110yd, good) with FLYER'S NAP (6lb better off) 14l 3rd, GOLD CAP (4lb better off) 2l 4th and STRAIGHT TALK (3lb better off) tailed off 7th. MR BOSTON beat Sheer Ability 2½l in handicap chase here (3m 110yd, good to soft) last season. FLYER'S NAP beat Talbot 12l in amateurs handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, soft) last season. MELEAGRIS 16l 3rd of 10 to Florida Sky in 10-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft). SIR PETER LELY 6l 2nd of 10 to Young Hustler in handicap chase at Aintree (3m 3f, good to firm). STRAIGHT TALK beat Staunch Rival 9l in 4-runner handicap chase here (3m 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: FLYER'S NAP (nap)

3.30 SURREY RACING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £3,526: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1 121314 ALLTIME DANCER 13 (CD,F,G) (H Heyman) O Sherwood 11-10 J Osborne 89
2 11 VARIO 16 (B,D,F,G,S) (Knight Hawks Partnership) M Pipe 11-10 J Lower 93
3 4R1 COURT NAP 20 (D,G) (Sir Michael Connell) S Mellor 11-7 N Mann 82
4 DARTER 38F (A Spence) R Akehurst 11-3 S Ryan (7) —
5 FLOW BACK 162F (D Leon) G Enright 11-3 M A Fitzgerald —
6 P READYPOWER 7 (Miss J Self) J Bridger 11-3 W McFarland —
7 ROYAL RABBIT 76F (The Bridge End Hotel Racing) C Nash 11-3 D Gallagher —
8 RUSSIAN RIVER (Mrs R Maclean) J Bridger 11-3 R Guest —
9 3 SANTELLA BOY 16 (B) (The Look Leasing Partnership) C Mann 11-3 R Dunwoody 75
10 STAR FIGHTER 29F (Miss S Flynn) M Haynes 11-3 D Skyrme —
11 ILANDRA 53F (Chelgate Public Relations Ltd) S Dow 10-12 P Niven —

BETTING: 2-1 Vario, 5-2 Alltime Dancer, 5-1 Santella Boy, 7-1 Court Nap, Darter, 16-1 Royal Rabbit, 25-1 Ilandra, Star Fighter, 33-1 Flow Back, Russian River, 66-1 Readypower

1994: GREENBACK 11-7 G McCourt (4-5 fav) P Hobbs 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLTIME DANCER 10½l 4th of 13 to Paddy's Return in juvenile hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good). VARIO beat Royale Angela ½l in 14-runner juvenile hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good) with SANTELLA BOY (3lb better off) 10l 3rd. COURT NAP beat Iron N Gold 4l in 13-runner juvenile hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). DARTER 4½l 3rd of 9 to Lovely Lycra in rated stakes at Leicester (1m 4f, firm). FLOW BACK 1½l 2nd of 15 to Damemill in maiden at Tipperary (7f, good). ROYAL RABBIT 4l 4th of 11 to Durgams First in seller at Catterick (1m 6f, good). SANTELLA BOY 7l 5th to Dr Edgar in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good).
Selection: ALLTIME DANCER

EXETER

THUNDERER

1.20 Dress Dance. 1.50 Sophism. 2.20 Lightening Lad. 2.50 Harwell Lad. 3.20 Hazel Gale. 3.50 Caspian Beluga.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.20 TRIPLEPRINT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,176: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

101 F-10 SHAARID 34 (C,F,G) I Balding 7-12-0 B Fenton 89
102 22-0 DRESS DANCE 30 N Mitchell 5-11-7 Sophie Mitchell 89
103 F0-3 RUN HENRY RUN 19 J Gifford 5-11-3 L Aspell (3) 88
104 00-1 RIVER LEVEN 15 (B,G,S) D Gandolfo 6-11-3 D Leahy (3) 94
105 0-22 KOO'S PROMISE 31 C Popham 4-10-12 T Dascombe 95
106 00-1 TAMANDU 13 (G) C James 5-10-9 P McLoughlin 88
107 P5/P AN BUCHAILL LIATH 30 G Ham 6-10-0 G Tormey —
108 -543 HIGHTOWN CAVALIER 15 R Hodges 4-10-0 J Harris (5) 90
109 0-46 VINTAGE RED 15 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-0 D Walsh (3) 85
110 0/P0 DUNNICKS VIEW 16 F Tucker 6-10-0 Chris Webb —

3-1 Shaarid, 7-2 Run Henry Run, 9-2 River Leven, 5-1 Koo's Promise, 8-1 Tamandu, 10-1 Dress Dance, Hightown Cavalier, 14-1 others

1.50 BONUSPRINT SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,496: 2m 2f) (9)

201 P20- SOVEREIGN NICHE 240 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-12-0 D Bridgwater —
202 34-5 RATHER SHARP 18 (F,S) C Popham 9-11-12 T Dascombe (5) 97
203 -23P SOPHISM 8 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-7 Jamie Evans —
204 4342 TURPIN'S GREEN 22 (F,G) J King 12-11-1 G Upton 89
205 41/0 VIAGGIO 62 (V,S) W Clay 7-10-10 J Lodder —
206 U-PP GABISH 16 (F,G) B Scriven 10-10-0 Mr R Thornton (7) —
207 P-PP TOLL BRIDGE 16 J Payne 8-10-0 Mr J Culloty (7) —
208 2555 ACHILTIBUIE 16 (F) F Yardley 11-10-0 B Fenton (5) 86
209 0P-P APARECIDA 17 M Griffin 9-10-0 D Morris —

6-4 Sophism, 5-2 Turpin's Green, 7-2 Sovereign Niche, 9-2 Rather Sharp, 10-1 Viaggio, 25-1 Achiltibuie, 33-1 Aparecida, 50-1 others.

2.20 TRIPLEPRINT NOVICES CHASE
(£5,132: 2m 2f) (10)

301 3212 HERBERT BUCHANAN 16 (BF,F) P Nicholls 5-11-5 C Maude 86
302 0-23 CAMPECHE BAY 21 (BF) G Balding 6-11-0 B Clifford —
303 /22- FACTOR TEN 384 (G) Miss H Knight 7-11-0 J F Titley 89
304 0-11 LIGHTENING LAD 15 (G,S) J King 7-11-0 G Upton —
305 -3F4 PIMBERLEY PLACE 26 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0 C Llewellyn 93
306 0PF/ RUMBLE 782 S Sherwood 7-11-0 S Curran —
307 40S- SHINING LIGHT 244 (G,S) D Nicholson 6-11-0 D Bridgwater —
308 2P- SORREL HILL 216P (G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-0 G Tormey 91
309 P-0 NIKI SU 13 (G) A Jones 7-10-9 L Harvey —
310 32P- PEARL'S CHOICE 228 J McConnochie 7-10-9 S McNeill —

9-4 Lightening Lad, 9-2 Factor Ten, 5-1 Campeche Bay, 6-1 Herbert Buchanan, Pimberley Place, 7-1 Shining Light, 12-1 others.

2.50 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,013: 2m 7f 110yd) (15)

401 4-34 SUNLEY BAY 15 (G,S) P Nicholls 9-12-0 T Dascombe (5) 94
402 213- TERAO 219 (CD,S) M Pipe 9-11-12 D Bridgwater 90
403 0-P4 ANNIO CHILONE 19 (G,S) J Gifford 9-11-5 Mr P O'Keeffe (7) 86
404 15-2 REALLY A RASCAL 9 (G) D Gandolfo 8-11-3 M Dwyer 91
405 13-6 SUPER MALT 15 (B,F,G,S) B Meehan 7-10-11 B Powell 85
406 5P5- SILVERINO 248 (B,G,S) S Earle 9-10-9 C Maude 82
407 -031 CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 27 (F,G) G Balding 5-10-9 B Clifford 94
408 111 HARWELL LAD 15 (C,F,G) R Alner 6-10-9 Mr R Nuttall 89
409 441- COUNTERBALANCE 186 (F,S) J McConnochie 8-10-7 S McNeill 90
410 6FP- SIMON JOSEPH 228 (S) T George 8-10-6 D Bentley 87
411 FF3- SHIMBA HILLS 242 (S) Mrs J Retter 7-10-5 J Lodder 88
412 432- BARELY BLACK 265 (S) N Babbage 7-10-3 A S Smith 87
413 1P-P STEEPLE JACK 15 (S) K Bishop 8-10-1 R Greene 87
414 /6-2 TITUS ANDRONICUS 22 (B,C,G) N Gaselee 8-10-0 J R Kavanagh 91
415 16-3 DERRING VALLEY 13 (B,C,F,G,S) A Jones 10-10-0 L Harvey 83

4-1 Really A Rascal, 5-1 Harwell Lad, 6-1 Terao, 8-1 Conti D'Estruval, 10-1 Sunley Bay, Titus Andronicus, 12-1 others.

3.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TRIPLEPRINT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £4,112: 2m 2f) (18)

501 23- ACT OF FAITH 265 N Gaselee 5-11-0 C Llewellyn —
502 21- AROUND THE GALE 219 (S) D Gandolfo 4-11-0 M Dwyer —
503 3/ BILLY BARTER 526 G Balding 5-11-0 B Clifford —
504 0- BISHOPS TALE 261 G Balding 5-11-0 A Tory —
505 6-5 CAREYSVILLE 174 J Edwards 4-11-0 D Bentley —
506 2-P DIVINER 37 I Balding 6-11-0 B Fenton (5) —
507 40-6 HANGING GROVE 15 P Murphy 5-11-0 J R Kavanagh 87
508 444- HIGH LEARIE 246 O Sherwood 5-11-0 J A McCarthy —
509 02 JET BOYS 16 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 B Powell 89
510 3-0 MARKSMAN SPARKS 27 D Chesney 5-11-0 S Burrough —
511 40- POLITICAL PANTO 261 M Pipe 4-11-0 D Bridgwater —
512 00- PURBECK RAMBLER 251 G Balding 4-11-0 J Railton 92
513 TRAIL BOSS Miss H Knight 4-11-0 J F Titley —
514 WHIRLY R Alner 6-11-0 S McNeill —
515 043- HAZEL GALE 190 S Christian 6-10-9 G Upton 85
516 F4- IMALIGHT 219 R Frost 6-10-9 J Frost 94
517 366- NO NEAR MISS 281 (S) D Elsworth 5-10-9 P Holley 89
518 0V UP THE TEMPO 587 Paddy Farrell 6-10-9 M Foster —

3-1 Jet Boys, 6-1 Around The Gale, 8-1 Act Of Faith, High Learie, Hazel Gale, 10-1 No Near Miss, Trail Boss, 12-1 others.

3.50 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,249: 2m 2f) (15)

601 12F6 FERRUFINO 7 (F) P Rich 7-11-10 Mr M Daly (7) 92
602 53-3 PERHAPS 20 Miss H Knight 4-11-10 J F Titley 88
603 21-6 SPRING SAINT 15 (CD,S) Miss C Horler 6-11-8 C Maude 94
604 43/1 CONVOY 15 (CD,F,G) C Mann 5-11-8 Muredach Kelly (7) 98
605 1550 CELCIUS 15 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 11-11-7 D Bridgwater 97
606 3P23 BISHOPS CASTLE 9 (G) R Frost 7-11-4 J Frost 85
607 0P-4 MUSTAHIL 15 (CD,F) R Hodges 5-11-4 T Dascombe (5) 89
608 P-20 PERSIAN STYLE 64 (D,F,G,S) W G Turner 11-11-3 R Davis 90
609 30/1- QUIET DAWN 475 (F,G) J King 9-11-3 G Upton —
610 -5F2 CASPIAN BELUGA 17 S Knight 7-11-3 S Burrough 94
611 3-05 GAVASKAR 23 (F) G Balding 6-11-2 B Clifford 84
612 43P- BANKONIT 281 (V,S) P Burgoyne 7-11-1 I Lawrence 92
613 453P DUKE OF DREAMS 17 (F) R Baker 5-10-7 B Powell 92
614 P-P4 SNICKERSNEE 22 (F) Paddy Farrell 7-10-3 Mr J Culloty (7) 92
615 283- MILDRED SOPHIA 210 (S) N Mitchell 8-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5) 91

3-1 Perhaps, 5-1 Caspian Beluga, 6-1 Convoy, 7-1 Quiet Dawn, 10-1 Ferrufino, 12-1 Gavaskar, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Balding, 8 winners from 13 runners, 61.5%; C Mann, 4 from 8, 50.0%; Miss H Knight, 20 from 50, 40.0%; M Pipe, 83 from 259, 32.0%; D Elsworth, 5 from 17, 29.4%.

JOCKEYS: J A McCarthy, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; J F Titley, 4 from 14, 28.6%; P Holley, 10 from 55, 18.2%; D Bridgwater, 11 from 63, 17.5%; L Harvey, 9 from 55, 16.4%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 1.50 Sophism. Sandown Park: 12.50 Call Equiname. 3.00 Gold Cap. 3.30 Santella Boy. Southwell: 1.10 Gi La High. 1.40 Absolute Folly. 3.10 Hannahs Bay, Image Maker. 3.40 Sombreffe.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.40 Sharp Falcon. 1.10 Charterhouse Xpres. 1.40 Who's The Best. 2.10 Beaumont. 2.40 Celestial Choir. 3.10 Bells Of Holland. 3.40 Peggy Spencer.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW BEST SIS

12.40 KUSTOM KIT CLOTHING HANDICAP
(Div I: £3,160: 1m 3f) (11 runners)

1 1403 SHARP FALCON 56 (F,S) J Wharton 4-9-11 K Fallon 11
2 -366 KARTTIKEYA 43 Mrs N Macauley 4-9-11 S D Williams 8
3 4004 NO SUBMISSION 15 (C,G,S) D Chapman 9-9-7 L Dettori 10
4 5312 FATHER DAN 21 (CD,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 6-8-13 R Cochrane 9
5 452- ROSEBERRY TOPPING 416 Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11 T Ives 4
6 3000 AUGUSTAN 13J (V,F) S Gollings 4-8-6 V Halliday 3
7 0001 SALTANDO 11 (C,G) Pat Mitchell 4-8-5 (5ex) D R McCabe (3) 2
8 5004 LARN FORT 17J (V,C,F,G,S) C Fairhurst 5-8-3 J Tate 1
9 6/0- DUBLIN INDEMNITY 286P (B,C,G) M Brittain 6-7-13 J Fanning 7
10 2056 DRUMMER HICKS 154 (F,G,S) E Weymes 6-7-11 Dale Gibson 5
11 3004 WILDFIRE 15 (S) R Akehurst 4-7-9 J Quinn 6

7-2 Sharp Falcon, 9-2 Saltando, 5-1 Karttikeya, 6-1 No Submission, Roseberry Topping, 7-1 Larn Fort, Father Dan, 10-1 others.

1.10 JULIUS CAESAR NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,038: 5f) (12)

1 3468 KRYSTAL MAX 78 (D,BF,F) T Barron 9-7 Kimberley Hart (7) 12
2 383 KAZIMIERA 62 M Johnston 9-6 T Williams 4
3 0031 CHARTERHOUSE XPRES 51 (V,D,S) M McCormack 8-13 L Dettori 3
4 0341 MULLAGH HILL LAD 20 (D,G) B McMahon 8-12 G Carter 11
5 4103 BEENY 6 (D,G) A Jarvis 8-11 J Tate 9
6 1254 GI LA HIGH 48 (V,CD,G) J Berry 8-6 P Fessey (5) 1
7 0650 THE BARNSLEY BELLE 38 S Norton 8-5 D McKeown 6
8 0000 BRIGANOONE 46 (B) S Bowring 8-2 M Kennedy 2
9 0526 GRACIOUS GRETCLO 15 C Hill 7-13 J Quinn 8
10 0000 SNITCH 7 (V) C Smith 7-9 N Carlisle 10
11 4002 TRICKLEDOWN 18 M Wane 7-9 A Mackay 7
12 5006 PRINCIPAL BOY 29 (B) T Etherington 7-7 G Bardwell 5

4-1 Kazimiera, 6-1 Trickledown, Charterhouse Xpres, 13-2 Mullagh Hill Lad, 7-1 Beeny, 8-1 Gi La High, Krystal Max, 10-1 others.

1.40 KING HENRY VI CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,537: 1m 6f) (7)

1 1000 WHO'S THE BEST 11 (CD,F,G) A Jarvis 5-9-0 D Wright (3) 1
2 3000 ABSOLUTE FOLLY 52 (V,G) J Berry 3-8-13 P Roberts (7) 7
3 0600 ROSE OF GLENN 15 (D,F,G) B Palling 4-8-9 R Perham 3
4 00 CHAPEL ANNIE 21 C Wildman 3-8-8 A Mackay 6
5 0000 ANN HILL 4 (F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-5 F Lynch (7) 4
6 4003 SKEDADDLE 76 Ronald Thompson 3-8-2 G Bardwell 2
7 0000 NEWGATE HUSH 11 B Murray 3-8-1 Martin Dwyer (7) 5

11-8 Skedaddle, 3-1 Absolute Folly, 7-2 Who's The Best, 9-2 Rose Of Glenn, 25-1 Ann Hill, Newgate Hush, 50-1 Chapel Annie.

2.10 KUSTOM KIT CLOTHING HANDICAP
(Div II: £3,144: 1m 3f) (10)

1 0124 STEVE'S WONDER 34 (V,CD,BF,G,S) M Ryan 5-9-10 G Carter 9
2 0/2- NIJMEGEN 578J (S) J Fitzgerald 7-9-8 K Fallon 10
3 5203 CALDER KING 18 (V,F,S) J Eyre 4-9-5 R Lappin 3
4 4500 LET'S GET LOST 49J (F,S) J A Harris 6-8-12 L Dettori 1
5 0134 OUR MAIN MAN 18 (D,F) R Whitaker 5-8-10 A Culhane 7
6 2400 TEMPERING 25 (CD,F,G) D Chapman 9-8-9 J Fanning 4
7 4504 BEAUMONT 15 (F,S) J Banks 5-8-9 J Quinn 2
8 3/5- PERSIAN HAZE 685 (S) B McMath 6-8-7 R Cochrane 6
9 0003 RISKY TU 15 (C,G) P Kelleway 4-8-0 G Bardwell 5
10 6066 JARROW 3J Mrs A Naughton 4-7-7 D Wright (3) 8

5-2 Beaumont, 11-4 Nijmegen, 3-1 Steve's Wonder, 8-1 Calder King, 10-1 Our Main Man, 14-1 Risky Tu, 16-1 others.

2.40 SHARPS INTERNATIONAL POLO HANDICAP
(£5,758: 1m) (16)

1 3300 CASTEL ROSSELO 20 (C,D,F,G,S) B Harris 5-10-0 A Mackay 8
2 5500 RAMBO'S HALL 43 (D,F,G,S) J Glover 10-9-12 S D Williams 7
3 0001 SECRET ALY 38 (D,F,G) C Brittain 5-9-11 J Quinn 2
4 0363 BAGSHOT 8 (BF,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-5 Dane O'Neill (5) 11
5 0065 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 7 (B,C,F,G) J Leigh 4-9-5 D McKeown 14
6 5002 CELESTIAL CHOIR 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-9-4 L Dettori 1
7 3101 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 18 (CD,F,G) A Jarvis 5-9-3 J Tate 10
8 0111 NASHAAT 7 (C,D,F,G,S) M Chapman 7-9-3 (6ex) C Munday (7) 5
9 5330 NORDINEX 60 (D,BF,F,G) R Armstrong 3-9-2 R Price 15
10 4302 HAWWAM 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) E Alston 9-9-1 K Fallon 6
11 1835 BENTICO 15 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-13 Amanda Sanders (7) 16
12 0812 ROOD MUSIC 18 (CD,BF,F,G) M Meagher 4-8-11 F Norton 3
13 0105 TRIBAL PEACE 41 (G,S) B Gubby 3-8-11 J Stack (3) 9
14 1000 JARI 10 (B,D,F,G) M Polglase 4-8-10 G Carter 12
15 0553 OCHOS RIOS 7 (F,G,S) B Rothwell 4-8-3 S Sanders 13
16 0040 BAKHETA 10 K Ivory 3-7-7 G Bardwell 4

5-1 Bagshot, 11-2 Nashaat, 6-1 Hawwam, 13-2 Celestial Choir, 8-1 Secret Aly, Chairmans Choice, Rood Music, 10-1 Ochos Rios, Bentico, 10-1 others.

3.10 ANTONY & CLEOPATRA FILLIES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,537: 1m) (7)

1 3206 BUMBLEFOOT 7 (G) M Johnston 9-0 T Williams 7
2 1444 IMAGE MAKER 4 (B,D,G) B Preece 9-0 T Ives 6
3 5500 TAKAPUNA 18 (BF,F) T Naughton 9-0 S Sanders 2
4 2302 BELLS OF HOLLAND 48 (BF) W Muir 8-9 L Dettori 3
5 000 HANNAHS BAY 25 (B) M Meagher 8-9 J Stack (3) 1
6 00 LAID BACK LUCY 15 J A Harris 8-9 S D Williams 4
7 U564 PEOPLE DIRECT 15 K McAuliffe 8-9 R Cochrane 5

6-4 Bells Of Holland, 11-4 Bumblefoot, 7-2 Image Maker, 7-1 People Direct, 10-1 Hannahs Bay, 16-1 Takapuna, 50-1 Laid Back Lucy.

3.40 HAMLET HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,691: 6f) (11)

1 0202 MISTER FIRE EYES 6 (B,C,F,G,S) C Brittain 9-7 J Quinn 7
2 1506 TAFAHHUS 99 (D,F) M Polglase 9-3 G Carter 4
3 1400 MASTER MILLFIELD 15 (D,F,G) C Hill 8-9 R Perham 1
4 5221 SOMBREFFE 17 (V,G) D Loder 8-6 L Dettori 2
5 0311 PEGGY SPENCER 2 (CD,G) C Thornton 7-12 (7ex) A Mackay 6
6 0301 MOST UPPITY 7 (CD,F,G) J Berry 7-11 (7ex) D Wright (3) 8
7 0000 SOLD PRIZE 174 (G) P Howling 7-10 F Norton 11
8 0044 MONTAGUE DAWSON 7 (CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9 Amanda Sanders (7) 10
9 0000 THICK AS THIEVES 15 (D,F,G) Ronald Thompson 7-7 G Bardwell 5
10 5402 SWEET MATE 4 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 7-7 P Fessey (5) 3
11 0500 NADWATY 48 (C,G) M Chapman 7-7 N Varley (3) 9

3-1 Sombreffe, 7-2 Mister Fire Eyes, 9-2 Peggy Spencer, 5-1 Most Uppity, 6-1 Sweet Mate, 7-1 Montague Dawson, 14-1 Tafahhus, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 11 winners from 27 runners, 40.7%; R Akehurst, 6 from 19, 31.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 68, 27.9%; S Norton, 37 from 181, 20.4%; M Ryan, 16 from 80, 20.0%; M Johnston, 31 from 174, 17.8%.

JOCKEYS: Kimberley Hart, 6 winners from 20 rides, 30.0%; L Dettori, 39 from 184, 21.2%; T Ives, 19 from 109, 17.4%; J Tate, 12 from 84, 14.3%; V Halliday, 8 from 58, 13.8%; K Fallon, 21 from 164, 12.8%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Leicester

Going: good

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, Ocean Hawk (C Llewellyn, 11-8 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Pedalotothemetal (7-1); 3, Last Laugh (6-1). 18 ran. NR: Just By Chance. 6l, 2l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £6.80. Trio: £6.70. CSF: £11.12.

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Prophets Honour (M Foster, 9-2); 2, Toshiba Talk (11-1); 3, Qualitair Pride (20-1) Reine De La Chasse 6-5 fav (pu). 18 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. P Haslam. Tote: £5.70; £1.90, £2.80, £7.10. DF: £23.30. Trio: £163.40. CSF: £51.74.

1.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Edward Seymour (Mr R Burton, 16-1); 2, Clod Hopper (10-1); 3, Master Glen (16-1). 4, Target Line (8-1) Soul Trader 4-1 fav. 17 ran. ¾l, 20l. W Jenks. Tote: £25.00; £3.80, £3.00, £2.10, £2.90. DF: £304.30. CSF: £169.80. Tricast: £2,394.07. Trio: not won (pool of £261.92 carried forward to 2.50 at Exeter today). Bought in 4,000gns.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Chichell's Hurst (R Marley, 8-1); 2, Philip's Woody (7-2); 3, Landsker Missile (5-1) Mr Flanagan 11-4 fav. 8 ran. 4l, 2½l. Mrs P Sly. Tote: £10.00; £1.30, £1.60, £3.50. DF: £13.60. CSF: £35.66. Tricast: £144.27.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Airtrak (J R Kavanagh, 6-1); 2, War Flower (40-1); 3, Pond House (6-1). Duke Of Lancaster Evens fav (ur). 6 ran. 6l, dist. N Henderson. Tote: £5.70; £2.60, £5.70. DF: £52.60. CSF: £98.46.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Divertimiento (E Husband, 16-1); 2, Kingdom Of Shades (16-1); 3, Djais (18-1). Mr Bureaucrat 13-8 fav. 19 ran. NR: Bright November. ¾l, 2l. J Mackie. Tote: £29.20; £4.80, £5.30, £14.40. DF: £140.10. Trio: £760.50. CSF: £255.06.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Most Equal (O Burrows, 6-1); 2, Salisong (9-2); 3, Viceroy Ruler (12-1). Sassiver 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 4l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £9.20; £3.60, £2.20, £3.20. DF: £20.50. Trio: £111.70. CSF: £32.44. Tricast: £292.44.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,115.88 carried forward to Exeter today).

Placepot: £10,807.00 (part won; pool of £4,381.24 carried forward to Exeter today).

Quadpot: not won.

Windsor

Going: good to soft

12.40 (2m hdle) 1, Teinein (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Tight Fist (13-2); 3, Incuicate (Evens fav). 12 ran. 5l, ½l. T Forster. Tote: £6.70; £2.00, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £14.70. Trio: £6.50. CSF: £32.49.

1.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Darzee (M Richards, 7-2); 2, Dancing Dancer (6-1); 3, Challenger Row (20-1). Dominie 2-1 fav (pu). 14 ran. 6l, 4l. P Hedger. Tote: £4.70; £2.30, £1.90, £3.60. DF: £39.20. Trio: £169.30. CSF: £25.97. Tricast: £380.02.

1.40 (3m ch) 1, Ubu Val (A S Smith, 12-1); 2, Less Rumble (12-1); 3, Church Law (12-1). Silverton Lad 9-4 fav (pu). 14 ran. NR: Grand Applause. 2l, 12l. W Bethell. Tote: £19.70; £3.60, £4.20, £2.40. DF: £71.50. Trio: £63.20. CSF: £145.95.

2.10 (2m ch) 1, Dear Do (M A Fitzgerald, 100-30); 2, Pegmarine (33-1); 3, Tudor Fable (7-1). Frankus 2-1 fav (f). 7 ran. NR: Ilewin. 3½l, 1¾l. N Henderson. Tote: £5.10; £2.20, £9.50. DF: £286.00. CSF: £65.53. Tricast: £663.00.

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Master Beveled (A P McCoy, 1-3 fav); 2, King's Gold (16-1); 3, Wottashambles (16-1). 12 ran. 4l, 4l. P Evans. Tote: £1.30; £1.20, £2.30, £3.20. DF: £7.10. Trio: £71.90. CSF: £8.27.

3.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Royal Square (Mrs A Perrett, 13-2); 2, Ask The Governor (2-1); 3, Man Mood (7-4 fav). 6 ran. Hd, 20l. G Harwood. Tote: £7.10; £2.80, £1.60. DF: £13.60. CSF: £18.79.

3.40 (2m) 1, Zajira (A P McCoy, 7-2); 2, Sophie May (100-30); 3, Josifina (9-1). Jenzsoph 5-2 fav. 7 ran. 5l, 9l. P Eccles. Tote: £4.30; £2.90, £2.80. DF: £8.50. CSF: £14.99.

Placepot: £299.40. Quadpot: £34.10 (part won; pool of £23.10 carried forward to Exeter today).

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.15 (6f) 1, Stand Tall (D McKeown, 11-2); 2, Sharp Imp (9-1); 3, Southern Dominion (7-2 fav). 14 ran. 2¾l, 3l. C Thornton. Tote: £4.90; £2.20, £2.60, £1.30. DF: £18.90. Trio: £13.90. CSF: £51.88. Tricast: £180.24.

12.45 (5f) 1, Cheeky Chappy (P Fessey, 6-1); 2, Speedy Classic (6-4 fav); 3, Tee-Emm (5-1). 7 ran. NR: Lochon. 1l, 3l. D Chapman. Tote: £7.70; £3.40, £1.50. DF: £9.30. CSF: £15.29. Tricast: £44.46.

1.15 (5f) 1, Half Tone (D Biggs, 5-1); 2, Kalar (9-4 fav); 3, Newington Butts (13-2). 8 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. R Flower. Tote: £6.20; £2.20, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £8.20. CSF: £16.39. Tricast: £87.81.

1.45 (6f) 1, Mask Flower (L Dettori, 10-11 fav); 2, Ballymoney (4-1); 3, Blue Flyer (16-1). 10 ran. NR: Casino Chip. ½l, nk. M Johnston. Tote: £1.70; £1.00, £3.10, £7.30. DF: £3.10. Trio: £30.60. CSF: £5.17.

2.15 (1m) 1, Sweet Wilhelmina (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 2, Homeland (14-1); 3, Belpere (11-4). 6 ran. NR: Deaken Dancer. 2¾l, 1¾l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £2.60. DF: £11.80. CSF: £19.35.

2.45 (2m) 1, Guest Alliance (A Clark, 14-1); 2, Doddington Flyer (11-2); 3, Endless Fantasy (100-30). Hever Golf Lady 3-1 fav. 9 ran. Hd, 2l. A Moore. Tote: £26.50; £2.60, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £24.00. Trio: £70.00. CSF: £83.42.

3.15 (6f) 1, Myjinka (P McCabe, 16-1); 2, Kira (7-1); 3, Colston-C (8-2). Our Shadee 4-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Distant Dynasty, Tomal. 1l, 1¾l. J O Donoghue. Tote: £20.00; £4.60, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £72.10. Trio: £188.00. CSF: £119.60. Tricast: £547.58.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, Tethys (Miss Diana Jones, 4-1); 2, No Speeches (2-1 fav); 3, Retender (6-1). 10 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. J Eyre. Tote: £5.90; £1.10, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £9.30. Trio: £26.50. CSF: £13.63. Tricast: £47.18.

Placepot: £58.30. Quadpot: £14.40.

Dunwoody to ride Montelado

RICHARD DUNWOODY will ride Montelado in the Hattons Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse on Sunday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The gelding's trainer, Pat Flynn, said: "I hope Richard will be available to ride the horse all season."

Dunwoody is being reunited with the injury-prone Champion Hurdle contender, on whom he won the 1992 Festival Bumper at Cheltenham. Charlie Swan rode Montelado to win the 1993 Supreme Novices' Hurdle, but Flynn said: "Charlie looked less likely to be available this season."

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FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division (7.45): Bohemians v Shelbourne; Drogheda v Derry; St Patrick's Athletic v Sligo.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Second round (7.30): Diss v Sudbury; Norwich United v Fakenham

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: London v Chester (5.0); Thames Valley v Newcastle (6.0). 7-Up Trophy: Quarter-final, second leg: Sheffield v Manchester (6.15).
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship (Preston).
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Russians fear the power of Courier on Moscow clay

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MOSCOW

THE Davis Cup, like the Ryder Cup, has the essence of the truest form of sport: playing for honour and your country as opposed to playing for money. Boris Yeltsin awarded Andrei Chesnokov the Order of Courage for his remarkable fifth-set victory in the final match of the semi-final tie against Germany.

A distraught, tearful Michael Stich, having missed nine match points, was inconsolable. The Davis Cup extends sporting emotions beyond normal limits.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, 21, the Russian ranked No 6 in world tennis and already the winner of nearly £2 million in prize-money, yesterday expressed the doubt that Pete Sampras was truly the top singles player for the United States in the final this year, which begins here today in the 1980 Olympic indoor stadium. The pressure on Sampras in the opening match may be the worst that he has known this year.

The singles draw for the opening day has paired Chesnokov against Sampras, the Wimbledon and United States champion. "I think [Jim] Courier is much stronger [on clay]", Kafelnikov said, "and he should be the most feared."

If the tie should depend on the fifth match, Courier, ranked No 8, the French champion of 1991-92, will be playing Chesnokov, 29, in the duel between alleged No 2s as Russia bid for their first title.

Courier, 25, is there only because of the withdrawal on Tuesday, by Tom Gullickson, the United States captain, of Andre Agassi, who was still unfit from the chest injury that he sustained in the semi-final against Sweden. Courier had been training here with the team since Sunday. Richey Reneberg, a doubles specialist, was added to the team and will partner Todd Martin tomorrow against Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskiy.

Yesterday, Courier sat through the post-draw press conference with a wry smile as question after question concerned the absence of Agassi and whether Michael Chang might have been a better choice. Courier, the clay court specialist, is all too aware of the responsibility resting upon him.

There is an ironic twist in the change of teams. Last year, Russia were over-run in the final in the same stadium by Sweden, who gained a winning 3-0 lead in the doubles ... on a synthetic Supreme surface.

The Russians laid an indoor clay surface for the semi-final against Germany, and were fined £16,000 when it was mysteriously over-watered, causing the start to be delayed an hour. Now, the surface will suit Courier. Asked his opinion, Courier said mischievously that it would depend "how much water gets on it tonight". Sampras openly admitted that it was far from ideal for him, so his opening singles against Chesnokov acquires particular significance.

Kafelnikov said: "The clay gives us a chance, may be the only chance, to win the Cup. I think America are hoping for the singles [to be decisive], not the doubles". There is every probability, therefore, that, if Kafelnikov and Olhovskiy win tomorrow, the tie will go the full distance.

It has been humorously suggested that Yeltsin gave Chesnokov's award primarily out of relief at Russia again reaching the final. Last year, Yeltsin had arguably cost Russia their chance when, with Alex Volkov standing 5-5 against Edberg in the fifth set of the opening singles, he arrived at the court with a bevy of political colleagues, interrupting the match for several minutes. The distracted Volkov then lost, young Kafelnikov felt undermined in the second singles and a doubles was lost that should have been won.

Chesnokov, once ranked in the top ten, has enjoyed a remarkable recent revival since his last tournament win, in 1991. He has a dead-pan sense of humour as arch as Jack Benny's, and his maturity, in a tie likely to ride on a tightrope, could be critical.

ORDER OF PLAY

Russia names first
TODAY: Singles: A Chesnokov v P Sampras; Y Kafelnikov v J Courier.
TOMORROW: Doubles: Kafelnikov and A Olhovskiy v T Martin and R Reneberg
SUNDAY: Singles: Kafelnikov v Sampras; Chesnokov v Courier.



Bisconti, left, the Yokohama goalscorer who hails from Argentina, battles with Pereira, the Verdy defender, a Brazilian. Photograph: Kyodo

Japanese imports put the world to shame

Rob Hughes, in Tokyo, discovers an approach to cup football that should be noted by the supposed giants of the game

The National Stadium here, reduced to hollow silence by two of the best teams in the world on Tuesday, responded rapturously to something closer to real football last night. At least here were two sides, the champions of the two halves of the Japanese season, who wanted to perform.

Yokohama Marinos are built around Argentinian imports, but their university and college players are schooled in eager anticipation, and their supporters throw tickertape down from the steep seating as if this were Buenos Aires.

Verdy Kawasaki are Brazilian in nature and intent. They have three players, each of whom have played for their country, and who are part of a 34-strong Brazilian representation among the 14 nationalities performing in the J League. Obviouslym it is the yen, in multiples that would take a paragraph to fill, that lures them; but, among the full import of 61 foreigners enjoying life in this enthusiastic and burgeoning soccer land, none has anything to do with British football.

As the chorus of drums beat out from one end of the ground, so the match pulsated. It had the priceless element lacking in the match on Tuesday, for the world club championship, between Ajax, of Amsterdam, and Grêmio, of Brazil. The people craved victory, demanded a goal, and received one, a decisive one, from Yokohama, just before the fiftieth minute.

Matsuda had travelled at speed up the right flank. He was found with a flick of the outside of the boot from Noda, who learnt the fundamentals of the sport at Kokushikan University. Matsuda did what the renowned Ajax players had failed to do, he centred the ball low and with spin. Yasunaga, barely 19, anticipated the spin, but lost his balance, and there came the split second of fortune.

The ball fell into the path of Bisconti, the Argentinian who was accepting the onus of leading the attack in the absence, through injury, of Medina Bello, his compatriot. Bisconti likes to score his goals, 28 of them in 49 appearances, from hidden positions. Now, he was exposed; but, ten yards from goal, he could not miss. The act of finishing was like a blade into an unprotected back.

Before and after that, Verdy had been the more coherent side. Coached by Nelsinho, another Brazilian, the team that had won the previous two championship play-offs dominated the ball.

They failed to penetrate through no fault of Alcindo, yet another Brazilian. He was bright and alert, and working like a Trojan to try to draw a response from Kazu Miura, the pin-up boy of Japanese football. This fellow, a millionaire, faded badly playing in *Serie A* with Genoa. Yesterday, whether because of prima donna tendencies, or a blustery night and a bouncy pitch prevented him getting his act together, he was a negligible partner for Alcindo.

So, the Brazilian tried to rescue the match with head and foot and with considerable heart. His misfortune was to receive such little support, and to find the player of the night in opposition. Masami Ihara, who has played 82 times for Japan, and who scored a memorable headed goal against England at Wembley in June, was an indomitable defender. When he could not get his head or his limbs to the ball, he ensured that others around him did so.

Yet, it is only half-time in the contest. There will be another 60,000 crowd in the same arena on December 6. Verdy, having come from behind to win the second section of the season, may well do the same to Yokohama in this final contest of a campaign that has drawn another six million spectators to the J League.

They seem happy to adopt football, happier by far than Ajax. The Dutch players were still in Tokyo almost a full 24 hours after they thought they had left it: their plane was refused entry over Russian air space, an impasse developed between the plane and ground control, and it eventually turned back to Tokyo to refuel. The fury of Louis Van Gaal, the coach, who made it clear that he was not enthusiastic about this presumed world championship in the first place, will almost certainly not return should Ajax, as is likely, retain the European Cup next year. The Toyota Cup, for the champions of Europe and South America, may be over, but the J League is alive.

YOKOHAMA (3-5-2): Y Kawaguchi — N Matsuda, M Ihara, M Suzuki — A Endo (sub T Suzuki, 55min), S Noda, T Yamada, G Zapata, N Omura — S Yasunaga (sub, F Miura, 86), D Bisconti
VERDY KAWASAKI (3-5-2): S Kikuchi — J Nishizaw, Pereira, K Hayashi — T Nakamura, I Kitazawa, Bismarck, T Kikuchi — Alcindo, K Miura.

Torrance shares lead despite slip

SAM TORRANCE took a share of the lead at the Sun City Million Dollar Challenge with a round of 69, three under par, yesterday. Torrance, the runner-up to Colin Montgomerie, his fellow Scot, in the European order of merit this year, set the pace alongside Corey Pavin, the US Open golf champion.

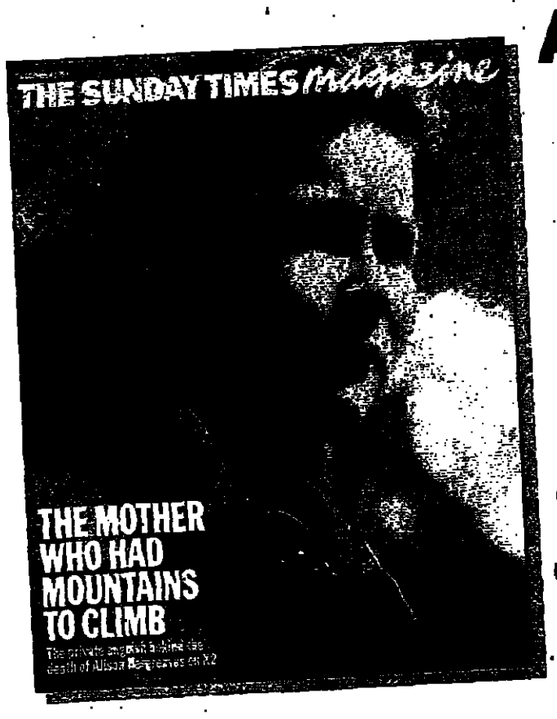
Pavin, of the United States, scored three birdies in the last four holes to climb the leaderboard, while Torrance missed a short putt at the last to drop back to level with him.

Montgomerie was struggling at the bottom of the 12-man field after a 79. He was unable to stop pushing shots to the right as he went out in 40. He also found the greens treacherous.

Nick Faldo, the defending champion, fared better with a 72. He was in touch with Torrance until a triple bogey eight at the par-five 9th. His fourth shot hit the island green but spun back into the water. He took three more to get down and went from three under to level.

Unusually, heavy rain before the tournament toughened the rough to a level normally associated with the US Open. With a gusting wind also troubling the players, there was a premium on straight hitting.

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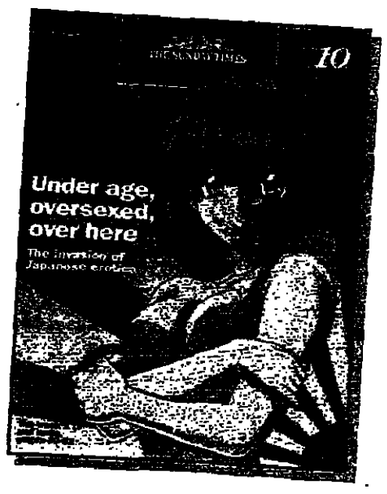


A MOTHER'S PRIVATE ANGUISH

The single-minded determination of Alison Hargreaves took her to the top of Everest and the summit of K2, where it led to her death. Her achievements concealed mounting anguish over her marriage and her relationship with her children. Read the story of her brave and lonely struggle in **The Magazine** on Sunday

THE INVASION OF JAPANESE EROTICA

Through television and the Internet Manga has acquired cult status in the west. **Peter Millar** reports on an art as old as Titian that is rapidly turning into one of Japan's most virulent cultural exports



THE SUNDAY TIMES *IS* THE SUNDAY PAPERS

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

How would you set about this excellent slam? As South, you are in Six Diamonds and West leads the ace and another club.

♠5
♥A109754
♦Q672
♣Q4

N
W E
S

♠AKJ10
♥K63
♦AK963
♣K

First, you count your tricks. You have two in spades, two in hearts, five in diamonds (you have to assume no loser there) and one in clubs. That is ten, so you need to develop two more.

If the trumps are two-two, you will make your two extra tricks by ruffing spades in dummy, but what if trumps are 3-1? Then, trying to ruff two spades might run into difficulties if the spades are 6-2.

Better would be to discard a heart on the queen of clubs, draw three rounds of trumps and play the king of hearts. If everyone follows, you can establish the hearts; but, if someone shows out, you have to cross to the dummy to take a spade finesse for your twelfth trick.

Do you start by playing off the ace of diamonds? If so, then you have missed a safety play. If East has all the diamonds, you can pick them up if you start with the queen of diamonds. Say you start like that and the worst happens — West shows out. You continue with the eight of diamonds, covered by East. Now, you can get only one spade ruff in dummy, as you need one of dummy's trumps to complete the process of picking up East's trumps.

Continue with ace and another spade, ruffing in dummy. You take the marked diamond finesse and draw trumps. Then, you play off the king of spades and the king of hearts and the fifth trump and, if the queen of spades has not appeared, you have to hope that the hearts come in. This is (nearly) the worst East-West distribution:

W	E
♠Q876	♠9432
♥QJ2	♥8
♦—	♦J1054
♣A98765	♣J1032

Even if the East-West cards lie as badly as this, you can still make the contract — West will have made five discards on the diamonds and so has to unguard one of the majors.

☐ In future, the refresher column will be on Fridays.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New grandmasters

At the Fide (world chess federation) congress in Paris last week, three British players were awarded the title of international grandmaster: Keith Arkell, James Howell and John Emms.

Emms immediately went on to celebrate his award by defeating grandmaster Murray Chandler in the four nations' chess league for British teams.

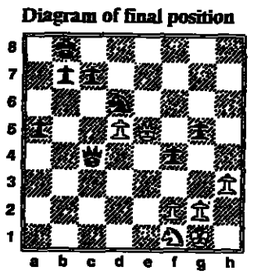
White: Murray Chandler
Black: John Emms
Four nations' league, 1995

Two Knight's Defence

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Nf6
4	Ng5	d5
5	exd5	Na5
6	Bb5+	Bd7
7	Bxd7+	Qxd7
8	0-0	0-0-0
9	d4	exd4
10	Qxd4	Nc6
11	Qc4	Nxd5
12	Nc3	Nxc3
13	bxc3	Ne5
14	Qe2	h6
15	Ne4	f5
16	Ng3	Bd6
17	Bf4	Nf7
18	Rfd1	g5
19	Bxd6	Nxd6
20	Rd5	Rhe8
21	Qd3	f4
22	Nf1	Qe6
23	Rd1	Nf7
24	c4	Rxd5
25	cxd5	Qe4
26	Qc3	Nd6
27	Qh3+	Kb8
28	Qxh6	Qxc2
29	Qh5	a6
30	Rd2	Qb1
31	Re2	Rxe2
32	Qxe2	Qe4
33	Qd1	Qc4
34	h3	Qxa2
35	Qd4	Qc4
36	Qe5	a5

White lost on time

Diagram of final position



White lost on time, but would have, in any case, had difficulty in stopping Black's passed a-pawn.

The lead in the four nations' league is held by the Witney team with four points, ahead of Midland Monarchs, Richmond, Wood Green and Slough, all of whom have three.

E-mail cup

The International Correspondence Chess Federation will be organising an E-mail cup starting in January and open to all-comers. If you wish to enter, please contact Alan Rawlings on 01865 54392.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOBDAY
a. Midsummer's Day
b. To help a horse breathe
c. Washday in Lancashire

KANGA
a. Maize
b. A thonged sandal
c. A Maori war dance

NANDI
a. Holy bull
b. Unleavened bread
c. An extinct script

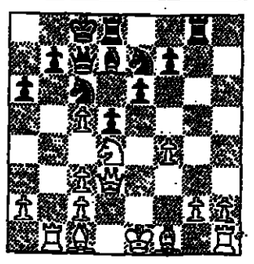
HECKELPHONE
a. A baritone oboe
b. A loud-hailer
c. The screeching magpie

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Mrdja — Luciani, San Giorgio, 1995. This position shows a typical tactical trick that Black must keep an eye out for when he has castled queenside. How did White make a decisive breakthrough into the black position?



Solution on page 46

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Newcastle must take hard route to final

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NEWCASTLE United, having overcome the formidable obstacle of an away match at Liverpool in the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup, could be forgiven for cursing the luck of the quarter-final draw that routed them to Arsenal.

A match at Highbury, traditionally an impenetrable bastion when knockout is on the agenda, was hardly fair reward for their performance at Anfield on Wednesday, when a goal by Steve Watson proved decisive.

The fact that Bruce Rioch's side is gradually adding polish and finesse to the grinding efficiency that hallmarked the George Graham era only adds to the allure for the neutral, if not the Newcastle management.

"We've got to be disappointed coming off the back of an absolutely fabulous result against Liverpool," Terry McDermott, the assistant manager, said. "We hoped for a home draw, but, if you have to travel, one of the places you don't want to go is Highbury, so we've probably got the worst of it. We're still only halfway up the ladder. We've started well, but we still have to win trophies."

Two of the best strike forces in the FA Carling Premiership will be on display, with Ian Wright and Dennis Bergkamp, who have 21 goals between them this season, in competition with the 24-goal partnership of Les Ferdinand and Peter Beardsley.

Reading, in the quarter-finals for the first time after beating Southampton, face a trip to Leeds United, and will seek comfort in the fact that Leeds have not reached a Wembley final for 23 years, and were eliminated from the competition last season at Elland Road by Mansfield Town. Notts County drew there this time round.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, too, are beginning to dream, despite their lack of manager and the insipid start to the season that cost Graham Taylor, their manager, his job. Their reward for beating Coventry City is another all-Midlands affair, this time away to Aston Villa.

The fourth pairing is still to be resolved, Norwich City or Bolton Wanderers playing at home to Middlesbrough or Birmingham City.

Fixture congestion caused, in part, by the Coca-Cola Cup, was one of the items on the agenda yesterday when Terry Venables, the England coach, joined the Football Association's inquest into the failure of all but one English side, Nottingham Forest, to make significant progess in Europe this season.

Venables met in Manchester with premiership managers Alex Ferguson (Manchester United), Joe Royle (Everton), Ray Harford (Blackburn Rovers), Howard Wilkinson (Leeds) and Frank Clark (Forest), as well as Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, and Jimmy Armfield, its technical adviser.

Kelly said afterwards: "It was a thoroughly worthwhile exercise. The experience around the table has to be used for the benefit of the whole game in our country. It will be."

Paul Gascoigne and John Brown, his Rangers teammate, yesterday received a punishment from the Scottish Football Association (SFA) that might almost be regarded as a conciliatory gesture at a time when the club and the ruling body seemed poised for conflict. A one-match ban has been imposed on each player for "bringing the game into disrepute" through their actions in a match against Aberdeen last month.

Two other players, Alan McLaren, of Rangers, and Billy Dodds, of Aberdeen, were also due to face the same charges, but the SFA deferred consideration of the matter at the players' request, having been informed, according to an official statement, "of their involvement in other areas".

McLaren and Dodds were cautioned by the police yesterday and could face criminal charges.

Meanwhile, a management buy-out has ended Dundee's association with Ron Dixon, a Canadian businessman. Malcolm Reid becomes the new chairman and Jim Duffy, the club's manager, joins the board as vice-chairman after the £2.2 million deal.

QUARTER-FINALS

Arsenal v Newcastle United
Aston Villa v Wolverhampton
Leeds United v Reading
Norwich City or Bolton v Middlesbrough or Birmingham

Ties to be played in the week commencing January 5

Telford inspired by man of letters

Russell Kempson on a postman delivered into the second round of the FA Cup in the teeth of adversity

ROLAND LEON



Langford, whose leukaemia sufferer son, Adam, is a mascot at Telford tomorrow

At the end of last season, Tim Langford joined the debris from professional football's annual culling. He was released by Wycombe Wanderers and began the onerous process of hawking his wares around the Endsleigh Insurance League. Although he received ten replies from 14 letters, an unexpected response, none could offer terms of employment.

Langford, 30, had hoped for more from Notts County, the second-division club. He had once had a trial at Lincoln City, but, after three matches in the reserves, Colin Murphy, then the Lincoln manager, suddenly departed. Murphy was now in charge at County; surely he would remember the promising Halesowen striker he had wanted a look at?

"I was told they had a full complement of playing staff and that was it," Langford recalled. "It was pretty much the same everywhere else — thanks but no thanks." It left little option. He rejoined Telford United, after two years at Adams Park, and reclaimed his job as a postal worker in Dudley.

Tomorrow, in one of the strange-but-true stories that the FA Cup inevitably produces, Telford play Notts County in a second-round tie at Bucks Head. It is an opportunity for Langford to show Murphy the error of his ways for not giving him a second chance, and for Telford temporarily to forget their Vauxhall Conference struggles and secure a twelfth FA Cup victory over Football League opposition.

At least, that is how some match previews might read — and the Sunday reports certainly will if Langford adds to his tally of five goals, from Telford's five cup matches, and perhaps earns a Saturday night guest slot on *Match of the Day*.

Yet the settling of old scores is farthest from his mind, and has been, since he experienced a more significant setback than anything Wycombe could muster. In August last year, he and his wife, Julie, heard that their son, Adam, now four, had been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. "It puts everything else in perspective," Langford said. "For about 12 months, all I could think of was hospital and treatment and Adam. It was such a shock, but we've gradually come to terms with it. You learn to accept it, you have to, and the doctors are pleased with how Adam is getting along."

When he was still with Wycombe, and his son's treatment was at its most intensive, he clocked up mile upon mile driving between his home in Kingswinford, near Dudley, the Birmingham Children's Hospital and Adams Park.

An appeal fund has raised £37,500, split between the Children's Hospital and leukaemia research charities, and Adam is making encouraging progress. He still has fortnightly checks and will be monitored closely for another year. "The way he bounces around, you wouldn't know there's a problem," Langford, who now has another son, ten-week-old Scott, said. "And he loves his football, especially Alan Shearer." On Saturday, Adam is one of the mascots.

Telford have a rich FA Cup history. In the 1984-85 season, they beat Lincoln, Preston North End, Bradford City and Darlington before bowing out 3-0 to Everton, in front of a 47,000 crowd at Goodison Park, in the fifth round.

Now, Wayne Clarke, the former Shrewsbury Town striker, combines running a car dealership in nearby Willenhall with playing and, for the first time, managing. Not too successfully. Though the Shropshire club has never been relegated from the Conference, they lie third from bottom this season. Notts County, second in the second division, present a rather tougher challenge than Shifnal, Raunds Town, Halesowen, Southport and Witton Albion — Telford's earlier victims.

Yet work comes first, in the finest cup tradition, for Langford. Although he has been spared a 4.30am start on Saturday — the time he usually wakes when performing his postal duties in and around Dudley — he still has to go in for an office shift, from 5.45 to 11am, before contemplating delivering a knockout for County. "It'll be nice for a change," he said. "I can have a lie-in."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Rugby league tackles problem of racism

A CHARTER for clubs to curb racism, similar to that in football, is being considered by the Rugby Football League (RFL) after a study of more than 2,300 supporters, players, and club officials confirmed a small but still significant problem (Christopher Irvine writes). The numbers of black and Asian people playing and watching the game are low. Of an aggregate attendance of 31,000 at four matches surveyed, all but 24 were white. Nearly half the supporters reported cases of racial abuse of players.

Neil Tunnicliffe, the RFL project co-ordinator, said that it was important to make grounds more welcoming. "If we can get 100 black youngsters playing the game, we may beget one Martin Offiah, a referee, and an administrator, but 97 children growing up in the game as spectators," he said.

☐ Barrie-Jon Mather, the England back, last night joined Perth Western Reds on a three-year deal. Wigan insist that he is under contract to them until 1997.

Steelers home in

ICE HOCKEY: Sheffield Steelers are favourites to win the Benson and Hedges Cup tomorrow, but Alex Dampier, their coach, is discounting home advantage in the final against Nottingham Panthers. "There is extra pressure on us playing at home," he said, "and I think we generally play better on the road."

The Panthers lead the Steelers by two points in the premier division, with 18 points from 11 games. Although the Steelers possess the leading scorer in Tony Hand, the final could rest on the performance of the goaltenders — Scott O'Connor for the Panthers, and Wayne Cowley, who joined Sheffield in time to help them to beat Fife Flyers in their semi-final, second-leg, and whose experience could be invaluable.

Nicol meets Jansher

SQUASH: Peter Nicol, the Scottish champion who refused to play for his country in the recent world team championship in Cairo because it might reduce his ability to fight back up the individual rankings after summer surgery for tonsilitis, proved his point in Doha last night by surviving a strenuous 72-minute quarter-final in the Qatar international championship. He beat Mark Chaloner, of England, 15-10, 7-15, 17-16, 15-12, to confirm his recovery. Nicol is through to a semi-final against Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, while Rodney Eyles and Brett Martin, of Australia, meet in the other match.

Herrero resigns again

RUGBY UNION: Andre Herrero resigned as the manager of the France national team yesterday. Herrero, who had been in the post for two months, had originally handed in his resignation on the eve of France's second international against the All Blacks, before being persuaded to stay on, at least temporarily. However, after a three-hour meeting with Bernard Lapasset, the French Rugby Federation president, it was agreed that Herrero would no longer be team manager, but would remain as chairman of the selection committee. Herrero's replacement will be announced on December 8.

Craik furthers cause

GOLF: Tracey Craik increased her overnight lead with a third round of 70 in the American Express European Tour qualifying school tournament at the La Manga club, in Spain, yesterday. With an aggregate of 213, three under par, the Oxfordshire-based Scot leads by four strokes from Tracy Loveys, of Dorset, moving into the final round today. Anne-Marie Knight, the former Australian amateur champion from Adelaide, is on 218, with Debbie Doniger, of the United States, a further stroke behind.

Club mates in final

BOWLS: For the first time, two players from the same club have reached the final of the CIS Insurance Scottish indoor championship at Coatbridge. In the past, only one player from a club has been allowed to compete. Paul Conlan, the Scottish champion, and David Peacock, from Midlothian, achieved the feat. In the semi-finals, Conlan lost the first set 7-5 to Gus Blair, of East Lothian, but took the remaining two, 7-4, 7-3, while Peacock made a poor start, too, against David Miller, of Cumbernauld, but won 1-7, 7-5, 7-5.

Australians light up finals chaos

FROM CRAIG LORD IN RIO DE JANEIRO

AS UNDIGNIFIED entries go, that of Brazil yesterday excelled as the world short-course swimming championships got off to a shambolic start at Copacabana beach here to the shame of organisers and Fina, the International governing body.

At the first world swimming event staged in Brazil, a power cut delayed by more than an hour the start of the finals, swimmers had to be removed from the midday heat as they waited to race, there was no scoreboard for the first final, which produced a championship record from Scott Miller, of Australia, and Franziska van Almsick, the millionairess who courts controversy, was disqualified before swimming a stroke.

Her crime was described as "voluntary disqualification" by Ruben Dinard, the Brazilian referee, who removed the German teenager from the final of the 100 metres freestyle after she had false-started.

It was hard to see how the judge came to his decision, which left Le Jingyi, of China, and Na Chao to take the top two places with Karen Pickering, of Great Britain, finishing seventh and last. Le retained her title in 53.23sec, second only to her world record of 53.01sec.

The day, however, was Australia's. The 52.38sec victory at 100-metres butterfly by Miller, who had to swim two heat races in the morning because the electronic timing had not been turned on, was followed by other championship record-breaking victories from Susan O'Neill, in the 200 metres butterfly, and from Matthew Dunn, in the 400 metres individual medley.

Hendry wins at a canter

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY recorded his fourth comfortable victory in succession to reach the semi-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship in Preston yesterday and remains on course for a successful defence of the title.

The world champion, who has won the Regal Scottish Masters and Skoda Grand Prix this season, progressed by beating Ken Doherty 9-3 in a match in which he was rarely out of second gear.

Hendry, who has won 36 frames at the tournament and dropped only 11, compiled an unprecedented seven century breaks on the way to defeating Doherty in the final last year, but, by his standards, the scoring on this occasion was decidedly subdued.

"I set myself such targets that people expect you to knock in centuries all the time," Hendry said. "This performance was a good example; most players would be delighted with it, but it's classified as an off-day for me."

Hendry laid the foundation for victory by building a 6-2 lead at the conclusion of the first session on Wednesday. A last-red-to-pink clearance earned Doherty the ninth frame and Ireland's most prominent player also had an opportunity to win the tenth until he missed a tricky red across the top cushion.

Hendry responded with a break of 40 to lead 7-3, and subsequent contributions of 74 and 59 in the next two frames constituted the finishing touches. He now meets John Higgins or Mark Williams.

Ronnie O'Sullivan, who surprisingly defeated Hendry to capture the title in 1993 when still a week short of his eighteenth birthday, was also well placed to reach the semi-finals. He led Andy Hicks 5-3 going into their decisive second session last night.

As expected, this developed into a potting battle in which tactical acumen played a minor role. Hicks recovered from the loss of the first frame to lead 3-1 before O'Sullivan enjoyed a mid-afternoon purple patch.

Breaks of 48, 37, 48 and 49 helped the reigning Benson and Hedges Masters champion to edge 3-2 ahead and this became 4-2 when O'Sullivan cleared the last two reds to pink in the sixth frame.

Hicks, a semi-finalist in the world championship this year, and who edged James Wattana 9-8 on the black in the last 16 here, did not allow O'Sullivan to bother the scorers in the seventh frame, but he was given a taste of his own medicine in the eighth.

This time, Hicks failed to pot a ball as O'Sullivan crafted a break of 65, in spite of the balls being awkwardly positioned, to leave himself requiring four of the remaining nine frames to book a semi-final contest against Peter Ebdon, who beat Nigel Bond 9-7 on Wednesday.



O'Sullivan: well placed

Armour chasing world title bout

JOHNNY ARMOUR, the European and Commonwealth bantamweight champion, from Chatham, will be chasing the world title early next year (Srikumar Sen writes).

After Armour's victory, in the fifth round, over Redha Abbas, of France, at York Hall, Bethnal Green on Wednesday, Mickey Duff, his manager, said that he will be seeking a world title bout against Mbulela Botile, of South Africa, the International Boxing Federation champion.

Before that, Armour must make a mandatory defence of his European title against Drew Doherty, of Scotland.

Armour's bout with Abbas confirmed him as one of the leading crowd pleasers in the country. After a torrid second round, Armour bounced back to chase the Frenchman round the ring and knock him out in the fifth round with a right to the body. "I feel I'm the strongest bantamweight around," Armour said. "A couple of fights and then I'll be ready for the big one."

Mike Tyson's bout with Busty Mathis Jr on December 16 has been moved from Atlantic City to Philadelphia after the New Jersey gambling commission refused to allow Don King to promote in Atlantic City because he is under indictment for fraud.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

SINGAPORE: World grand prix finals: Men: R Sidek (Malay) bt H Arbi (Indo) 18-17, 15-12. Lee Kwan Jin (S Kor) bt J Olsson (Swe) 7-15, 15-8, 18-16. A B Kusuma (Indo) bt Fung Permadi (Taiwan) 8-15, 15-11, 15-6. A Wiranata (Indo) bt P Rasmussen (Den) 17-14, 15-3; J Suprianto (Indo) bt J van Dijk (Holl) 15-2 15-6, H Susanto (Indo) bt Ong Ewe Hock (Malay) 4-15, 15-6, 15-6. P E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt H Hendrawan (Indo) 15-10, 15-7; Dong Jiong (China) bt Tan Sien Peng (Sing) 15-7, 15-2. Women: Wang Chen (China) bt H Mizui (Japan) 11-7 11-7. Zhang Ning (China) bt Lee Joo Hyun (S Kor) 11-4, 11-7. Ye Zhaoying (China) bt Z Abdullah (Sin) 11-2, 11-5

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Boston 100 Detroit 96; Atlanta 106 Philadelphia 81, Charlotte 115 New York 105, San Antonio 105 LA Clippers 86 Portland 112 Golden State 98; LA Lakers 107 Phoenix 96.
BUDWEISSER LEAGUE: Thames Valley 91 Sheffield 107
7-UP TROPHY: Quarter-final, second leg: Birmingham 92 Chester 89 (Birmingham win 200-178 on agg)

BOWLS

COATBRIDGE: CIS Insurance Scottish Masters: Semi-final: A Thomson (Eng) bt P Conlan (Scot) 7-3, 1-7, 7-1. Final: Price bt Thompson 7-3, 0-7, 7-4, 7-5

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: European bantamweight championship (12 rnds): Johnny Armour (GB, holder) bt Redha Abbas (Fr) ko 5th rnd. Southern Area light-welterweight championship (10 rnds): Bernard Paul (Tottenham, holder) ko Jason Rowland (West Ham) 1st rnd. Light (6 rnds): Chris Francis (Stepney) drew with Shabba Edwards (Clapham) Welter (6 rnds) Justin Simmons (Plymouth) bt Allan Gray (Putney) pts Middle (6 rnds) Howard Eastman (Battersea) bt Brendan Ryan (Nottingham) rsc 2nd rnd.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (first day of four). Brisbane: Western Australia 110 (A Bichel 5-31). Queensland 164-3 (T Barsby 101 not out). Adelaide: Victoria 297 (G Vimpani 79, M Harrity 4-84). South Australia 25-0.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round: Arsenal 2 Sheffield Wednesday 1, Aston Villa 1 Queens Park Rangers 0, Leeds United 2 Blackburn Rovers 1; Liverpool 0 Newcastle United 1. Middlesbrough 0 Birmingham 0. Norwich 0 Bolton Wanderers 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Coventry 1
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Second round: Northern section: Crewe 0 Burnley 1 (aet. Burnley win after sudden-death extra time) Southern section: Swindon 0 Hereford 1.
ICIS LEAGUE: Carlton Trophy: Second round: Postponed: Epsom and Ewell v Lewes
FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replay: Boston 2 Leek 0
LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: Group five: First round: Ebbw Vale 1 Inter Cardiff 0.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Lambourn Sports 0 North Leigh 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: League Cup, Second round: Selby 0 Hallam 0, Sheffield 1 Ossett Albion 3
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 2 Oxford Utd 1, Southampton 2 Norwich 2 Second division: Newport 1 Cardiff 1, Swansea 2 Birmingham 2
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Tranmere 1 Manchester Utd 3, West Bromwich 0 Derby 7 Second division: Barnsley 2 Mansfield 0, Manchester City 0 York 0, Rotherham 2 Sunderland 2, Bradford 2 Huddersfield 1 Third division: Chester 2 Stockport County 5, Chesterfield 4 Darlington 3; Walsall 5 Rochdale 5, Wigan 2 Scarborough 0.
ITALIAN CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Internazionale 1 Lazio 1; Cagliari 1 Atalanta 0
SPANISH CUP: First leg: Andorra 0 Celta Vigo 5, Numancia 0 Racing Santander 0; Levante 1 Tenerife 0, Hercules 1 Rayo Vallecano 1, Salamanca 0 Athletic Bilbao 0, Compostela 1 Valladolid 0, Leganes 0 Espanol 1; Eolsa 2 Sporting Gijon 0.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Bahia 2 Corinthians 1, Criciuma 0 Parana 0; Goias 2 Vitoria 0; Internacional 2 Cruzeiro 0, Portuguesa 0 Guarani 0; Santos 3 Botafogo 1
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Boodle and Dunthorne Independent Schools FA Cup: Second round: Manchester GS 1 QEGS Blackburn 2. FA Premier League Trophy: Under-18: Derbyshire 3 Lincolnshire 3. Under-16: Kent 3 Hertfordshire 0, Greater Manchester 3 Merseyside 3. London Cup Under-15: Kent 4 Hertfordshire 2 Inter-county Under-16: Nottinghamshire 5 West Midlands 2.

GOLF

SUN CITY, South Africa: Million Dollar Challenge: First round: 66: C Pavin (US), S Torrance (Scot) 71: T Lehman (US), N Price (Zim) 72: B Langer (Ger), E Els (SA), N Faldo (GB) 73: P Mickelson (US), 74: D Frost (SA). 75: V Singh (Fiji). 76: C Rocca (It). 79: C Montgomerie (Scot)
THE LAKES GC, Sydney: Greg Norman Classic: First round (Australia unless stated) 64: F Nobilo (NZ). 65: C Parry. 66: G Wade (NZ), M Campbell (NZ) 67: D Fardon, S Appleby, S Bottomley (GB). 68: C Gray, B Faxon (US), P Senior, T Price 69: G Evans (GB), I Stanley, M Can Other scores: 72: G Norman. 73: B Jackson (GB) 75: S Richardson (GB).
LA MANGA: European Women's Tour qualifying school: Leaders after three rounds (GB and Ire unless stated): 213: T Craik 71, 72, 70. 217: T Loveys 72, 73, 72. 218: A-M Knight (Aus) 75, 69, 74. 219: D Doniger (US) 72, 77, 70. 220: S Melin (Swe) 75, 74, 71. 221: I Tinning (Den) 71, 76, 74; E-J Smith 75, 72, 74. 222: S Eriksson (Swe) 79, 73, 70; J Mills (Aus) 69, 79, 74. 223: R Bates (US) 75, 73, 75

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University 2 Bacchanalians 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia 2 Florida 1, New Jersey 4 Colorado 3, NY Rangers 5 Buffalo 3, Tampa Bay 2 Hartford 2, St Louis 5 Montreal 4, Anaheim 2 Washington 2, Calgary 5 San Jose 3, Chicago 2 Vancouver 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: Sheffield 32 St Helens 18, Warrington 47 Leeds 14; Workington 16 Castleford 22 First division: Batley 12 Saltaire 12, Huddersfield 14 Wakefield 22; Rochdale 54 Hull 20; Dewsbury 6 Keighley 28 Second division: Carlisle 40 York 8, Chorley 17 Leigh 29, Highfield 16 Barrow 44, Hull KR 56 Doncaster 4, Swinton 28 Bramley 7

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 31 New Zealand Army 5
UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East Midlands 11 Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire 3.

SKIING

GAELLIVARE, Sweden: World Cup 15km Nordic freestyle: 1, B Daehlie (Nor) 35min 56 0sec 2, J Ikonetsaas (Fin) 36.32 8, 3, S Fauner (It) 36'36 7

SNOOKER

PRESTON: United Kingdom championship: Quarter-finals: P Ebdon (Eng) leads N Bond (Eng) 5-3, S Hendry (Scot) bt K Doherty (Ire) 9-3, R O'Sullivan (Eng) leads A Hicks (Eng) 5-3 J Higgins (Scot) level with M Williams (Wales) 4-4.

SQUASH

DOHA: Qatar international championship: Second round: P Nicol (Scot) bt S Elopuro (Fin), R Eyles (Aus) bt D Meddings (Eng); M Chaloner (Eng) bt C Waonick (SA) Quarter-finals: J Khan (Pak) bt D Jenson (Aus) 17-15, 17-15, 15-8. B Martin (Aus) bt D Harris (Eng) 15-14, 15-11, 15-12

SWIMMING

RIO DE JANEIRO: World short-course championships: Men: 200m freestyle (qualifiers to final) Heat two: 1, D Kowalski (Aus), 1min 49.71sec. 2, M Jollands (SA) 1.49.36, 3, R Svarcbas (Ukr) 1:50.01 Heat three: 1, M Klim (Aus) 1:47.99, 2, G Borges (Br) 1:51.15 Heat four: 1, T Brenn (NZ) 1.47.71, 2, Y Mukhin (Russ) 1.48.23 100m butterfly (qualifiers to final): Heat three: 1, D Pimankov (Russ) 52.67sec, 2, Chang Jeang (China) 53.84; 3, D Perdomo (Col) 54.44, 4, J Meolans (Arg) 54.45 Heat four: 1, M Klim (Aus) 53.53; 2, D Kalchev (Bul) 54.41 Heat five: 1, S Miller (Aus) 53.14, 2, R Szukala (Pol) 53.65, 3, G Callaghan (NZ) 54.49 400m individual medley (qualifiers to final) Heat one: 1, S Marshuk (Mold) 4mn 17.89sec, 2, A Bermudez (Col) 4 17.98, 3, Valery Kalmikov (Lat) 4:20.92. Heat two: 1, M Dunn (Aus) 4:16.49; 2, T Kinugasa (Japan) 4 17.89. Heat three: 1, M Malinski (Pol) 4:15.59, 2, C Myden (Can) 4:16.78; 3, R Van der Zant (Aus) 4.17.16. 4 x 100m relay (qualifiers to final) Heat one: 1, New Zealand 3mn 39.38sec, 2, Germany 3:40.76, 3, United States 3.41.88, 4, Brazil 3.42.40. Heat two: 1, Russia 3:40.12, 2, China 3:40.42, 3, Australia 3.40.89, 4, Croatia 3.44.43 Women: 100m freestyle (qualifiers to final): Heat three: 1, S Voelker (Ger) 55.11sec, 2, M Moravcova (Slovakia) 55.16; 3, S Shakespeare (Can) 55.47 Heat four: 1, Na Chao (China) 55.14, 2, F van Almsick (Germany) 55.86 Heat five: 1, Le Jingyi (China) 54.40, 2, L Manndale (Bar): 55.19, 3, K Pickering (GB) 55.20 200m butterfly (qualifiers to final) Heat one: 1, S O'Neill (Aus) 2mn 09.75sec, 2, S Evanetz (Can) 2.13.37 Heat two: 1, M Jacobsen (Den) 2.13.90, 2, M Lauren (Swe) 2.14.27, 3, A Francisco (Por) 2.14.33 Heat three: 1, M Hyman (US) 2.12.63, 2, Limin Liu (China) 2.13.14, 3, A Kennedy (Aus) 2.14.38 400m individual medley (qualifiers to final) Heat one: 1, N Sweetnam (Can) 4.40.08, 2, E Overton (Aus) 4.40.24; 3, J Malar (Can) 4.41.01 Heat two: 1, B Vestergaard (Den) 4.40.33; 2, H Cerna (Cz) 4.43.35; 3, S Hardcastle (GB) 4.44.03; 4, S Parera (Sp) 4.44.81, 5, R Harris (Aus) 4.48.08

Decision to rest players upsets clubs

BY ALEX RAMSAY

GREAT BRITAIN may have qualified for the Olympic women's hockey tournament, but, while Sue Slocombe and her players heave a huge sigh of relief, the Atlanta hangover is still causing many national league clubs a headache.

After their efforts in South Africa, the international players have been told to rest during December, missing rounds of league and cup matches this weekend, the last games before the season goes into its Christmas recess. For clubs like Slough, that poses a personnel problem.

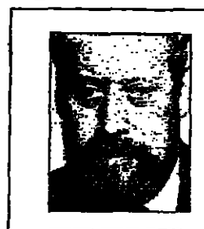
Without Karen Brown, Mandy Nicholls and Anna Bennett, their first-team squad is reduced to 11 players. The solution should be simple: call up a few second team players. The local leagues, however, will not allow their players to be named for two different teams on one day. That leaves Slough's various teams to work out the division of manpower to fulfil all their commitments.

Slough are, however, reasonably happy with the turn of events this season. They may not be dominating the division, but they are still in with a chance of the title. Tomorrow, they play Hightown, the leaders, in a match they must win to stop too big a gap opening between themselves and the top clubs.

"If you had said at the start of the season that we could go into the break having lost three games and still be four points off the lead, I'd never have believed it," Lesley Hobley, the Slough captain, said. "The Great Britain programme has affected us and the worst part has been the uncertainty, not knowing when players are going to be available."

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Culinary carnival revives spirit of a weary wanderer



FREUD ON FRIDAY

South African Airways, whose plane was 12 hours late, also managed to lose my luggage, hence my singularly inappropriate dress for a summer's day at the Wanderers cricket ground.

Around me were men luxuriating in sandals and shorts, T-shirts and floppy hats; people bearing great cannisters of food and drink and cushions to soften the impact of hard seat on soft posterior. Others brought binoculars and record books and suntan cream ... and because Thursday is the day that maids are "off" in Johannesburg, there were multitudes of children deposited in the appropriate family enclosure and endowed with sufficient ice cream and coke money to last them to close of play.

I came as I had travelled — though I checked in my sponge bag and, on the way to the ground, stopped at a newsagent and bought a notebook called *Lion Brand* "with handy spelling aid". It listed several hundred words from absence to zero; I have not seen zero misspelt, but there you go. Without the handy aid, I am not sure I would have managed hieroglyphics and had forgotten the existence of "quibble" — there had been a lot of that at Heathrow and in the air over the previous 24 hours.

The stadium is brilliant, the press box handsomely situated on the fifth floor giving us the view from behind the bowler's arm or over long stop — what became of long stop? There is free coffee and soft drink; quarters of sandwiches made with care, if not with love; and the usual suspects were in attendance, doing their things after a quick call home to ensure that their newspaper had survived the night.

Technically this is the second Test, but as the first was (a) washed out, and (b) in a non-Test match location, there is a beginning-of-the-series feel in the air; England supporters walk about optimistically, shaking hands and buying hats and miniature cricket bats, and, when the bars open at 10.30am, they buy Castle lager. Castle sponsors the series. Castle's name is inscribed on the pitch and around the hoardings and, when not much goes on, you make anagrams of Castle lager.

> **'Russell galvanises the team into free flow by his example of balletic hyperactivity'**

Outside the ground, the local bookmaker shouts the odds from his pitch between a coke stall and a gents. Odds against England's first innings total exceeding 500 are a cramped 10-1. We are 2-1 to win, 14-10 to draw or lose.

Ian Botham sidles up and has 50 rand (about £8) on Thorpe to be the top England batsman in the first innings, asks for odds against Malcolm taking five wickets. He is offered 10-1 and I shame the bookmaker into extending this to 12. Botham chances another 50 rand.

At 10.30am, Atherton leads out his team down the steps marked Puma with 100 childish hands from the family enclosure pushed through the railings to grasp whoever will return the friendly touch. Gough does best.

After six overs, an American asks me how things are going — "not being from here or understanding the game", I explain that England are doing well so far: two for nought with neither batsman having scored. One no-ball, one legbye. He looks at me and says: "So you're winning?"

I last saw Russell perform behind the stumps for England in Guyana, when things were not going for him. Since then, he is the established No 1 keeper, has successfully captained his county, and stood by to deputise for Atherton against West Indies. Now, this enigmatic man, who lives on Weetabix, bananas, baked beans and skinless breast of chicken, radiates confidence, galvanises the team into free flow by his example of balletic hyperactivity. Russell is like Chaucer's Reeve ... of whom it is written:

No where so busy a man as he there was
And yet he seemèd busier than he was.

I take 12-1 Russell to be top scorer for England. I am not over hopeful of our success on this tour.

There are people who go to cricket grounds, make for their seats and remain in situ. Not I, and not just because I have no wish to impose the clothes I have been wearing for 36 hours upon the same neighbour. I do the tour, descend from the fifth floor via one of the most voracious lifts I have encountered, a lift with gates that will have your leg off if you are less than very nimble, and examine the ground: not much that is new except for a smoky patch of lawn the size of a bowls green from which good smells emerge.

It contains two dozen blazing *braais* (barbecues) and at one end is a shop called Meat People where you can buy chops and steaks and sausages, liver, chicken pieces, hamburgers ... also buns and plates and plastic cutlery. A decent three-figure, predominantly male crowd is cooking away impervious to cricket, filling the air with a rare, carnivorous aroma; and people are genuinely friendly. What a joy to encounter a mixed grill without tomatoes, mushrooms and parsley and how pleasurable it must be for the man fielding at deep long leg.

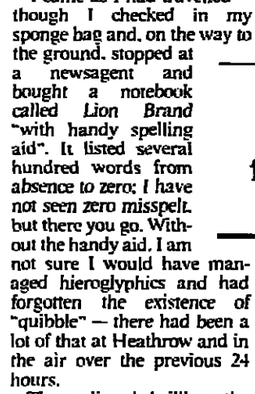
Tomorrow, I am invited to a West Country fry-up, with kidneys. I tell my host that I have not seen kidneys at Meat People and he explains that his gang bring their own meat — better and cheaper where they buy it. It is fortunate that spectators are no longer bodysearched: it would be sort of embarrassing to be caught with a pocketful of offal.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Spectators fire up the braai during lunch at the Wanderers stadium yesterday

Ijaz compensates for careless team-mates



Ijaz: third century

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SYDNEY

PAKISTAN played their best cricket of the series on the first day of the third and final Test against Australia, after Wasim Akram won the toss, although these things are relative. To make 231 for four in a full day was not an outstanding achievement and Wasim will want his batsmen to add another 150 runs today if the bowlers are to have anything to play with.

Ijaz Ahmed, who reached his third Test hundred — all of them scored against Australia — in the penultimate over, will consider it his duty to see that they do. He batted with an application that his colleagues would do well to match, but, were it not for the illness that incapacitated Saeed Anwar last month, he would not be here at all.

Three of the batsmen dismissed made more than 30 and failed to pass 40, which underlines the carelessness that has cost Pakistan this series. Ramiz pulled a dreadful stroke to mid-on, Inzamam mistimed a cut and Salim, having driven McGrath for three cover boundaries, was leg-before to the second new ball when the bowler found his proper line.

Once again, Warne was the pick of the bowlers. Earlier this week, he was a doubtful starter, but Australia were not going to let off their opponents so lightly. To concede 44 runs from 26 overs on a pitch as good as this was a fine effort even if the ball was turning. Whether the two Mushtaqs, who are both playing, get as much assistance is another matter. Warne, after all, is a phenomenon.

The other feature of the day was Australia's brilliant fielding. It is impossible to imagine better close catchers than Taylor at first slip, Mark Waugh at second and Steve Waugh in the gully. Boon, the shortest of short legs, is not the worst, either. They have superb catchers in key positions, men with strong arms in the deep and a resolute sergeant-major behind the stumps in Healy. They look a team.

Mark Waugh set the tone with a catch off the third ball of the day. Sohail's swish was irresponsible, but the manner in which Waugh pulled the ball down two-handed was magnificent — and to think, he has a bad back that prevents him from bowling.

Warne, brought into the attack at the members' end, took the second wicket when Ramiz, going back to a flipper that the bowler had pitched short deliberately, got himself into a frightful tangle and lobbed a simple catch to Slater. He must have felt embarrassed, being caught off a thin edge to Healy and walked of his own accord. McGrath, on his home ground, had not bowled well in the morning. Nevertheless, Taylor entrusted him with the new ball, ahead of McDermott, and he repaid the loyalty when Salim, playing across his pads, was leg-before. At the end of the day, therefore, honours were even.

what was really a long hop. Such is Warne's control over these fevered minds that Ramiz submitted.

Ijaz batted at a steady tempo, saving himself for more expansive strokes when circumstance permitted. He lifted Steve Waugh over long-on for six and achieved the same result when he pulled a short ball from Warne. Otherwise, he was watchful, happy to prepare the ground for a big total, as his captain has been demanding.

Warne snared a second victim when Inzamam nicked

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamir Sohail c M Waugh b McDermott	4
Ramiz Raja c Slater b Warne	33
Ijaz Ahmed not out	101
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Healy b Warne	39
Salim Malik lbw b McGrath	36
Basit Ali not out	8
Extras (w 2, lb 3, nb 5)	10
Total (4 wkts, 91 overs)	231

*Wasim Akram, †Rashid Latif, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed and Waqar Younis to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-64, 3-141, 4-210

BOWLING McDermott 13-4-34-1; McGrath 19-1-72-1 (nb 1, w 2); Reiffel 18-4-49-0 (nb 4); Warne 27-18-44-2, M E Waugh 10-4-23-0; Blewett 4-2-8-0

AUSTRALIA: *M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, G S Blewett, †I A Healy, S K Warne, P R Reiffel, C J McDermott, G G McGrath

Umpires: H D Bird and S G Randell

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

HOBDAY

(b) To operate on (a horse) in order to improve its breathing. Chiefly as the verbal substantive *hobdaying*. An eponym of F. T. *Hobday*, veterinary surgeon (1869-1939). "Hobdaying is an operation to help the breathing of horses who are wrong in the wind, but not by putting a tube in their throat."

KANGA

(a) Indian corn, maize, sweetcorn, or mealies, *Zea mays*. The Maori word. "Indian corn received the name of Kanga, the Maori form of the word corn. A unique method of utilising it as food was evolved. The unhusked cobs were placed in fenced enclosures in still water where the grain became soft."

NANDI

(a) In Hindu mythology, the name of the bull of Siva which is his vahan or vehicle, and symbolises fertility: also, a figure or statue of Nandi. In Sanskrit, "the happy one". "The majestic Nandi, the conventional vehicle of Lord Siva in front of the sanctum in the forecourt."

HECKELPHONE

(a) A baritone oboe, an eponym of Wilhelm *Heckel* (1856-1909), an instrument-maker of Biberich, after *saxophone*. "Some very fully scored modern symphonic and operatic works employ quadruple woodwind, such exotics as the bass flute and heckelphone sometimes being added to the flue and oboe group respectively."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, Qxa6! destroys Black, as, if 1...bxa6: then 2, Bxa6+ regains the queen with a huge advantage.

New board proposals lack county support

BY SIMON WILDE

PLANS to form an English Cricket Board capable of administering the domestic game at all levels were nearer the drawing board than fruition yesterday after a meeting of the chief executives of the first-class county clubs and other interested parties.

Just one month before the new body was originally scheduled to come into being, its starting date was formally put back from January to April 1, but the view of some of those at the meeting was that a more likely starting date is January 1, 1997.

Serious reservations were expressed during the five-hour meeting in London on Wednesday that some of the proposed changes — which constitute the most wide-ranging revision to the structure of the English game this century — were flawed. Inevitably, some parties must vote themselves out of office, but there is a suspicion that those at the centre, such as the officials of the Test and County Cricket Board, are showing a particular reluctance to relinquish the reins.

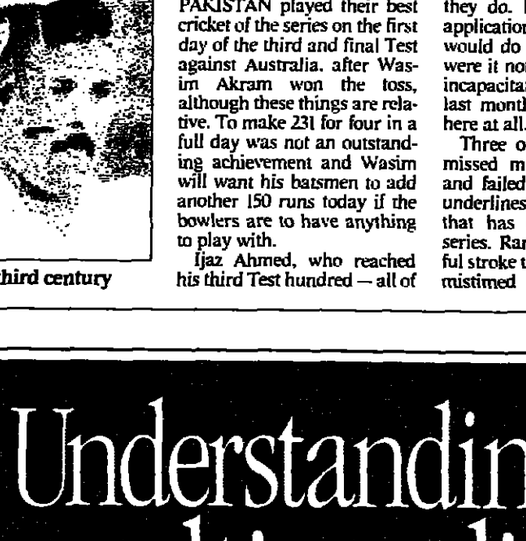
One sceptic said that the articles of association sent out to the county clubs propounded a structure that moved "significantly greater power to the centre". Another felt that those proposing the changes had "little knowledge of the way things worked in the real world".

The position of the Minor Counties Cricket Association received an especially sympathetic hearing. It demanded the right to a collective voice — so far denied — in the new board and led objections to the National Cricket Association, which has ostensibly supervised the game below first-class level since 1968, providing three of the 11 directors on the management board.

There was also concern that there would be insufficient long-term funds to finance the 38 county boards.

☐ There was no play on the first day of the five-day international between Pakistan A and England A in Rawalpindi because of rain.

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RADIO CHOICE

Camelot and axe a lot

Print the Legend. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

When it comes to the cinema's depiction of the Middle Ages, you pays your money and you takes your choice. And what a choice. Far from being overwhelmed by it all, Christopher Frayling has narrowed down the variations to half a dozen or so. Essentially, there are the chivalric epics such as *Ivanhoe* and *The Knights of the Round Table* — Victorian gentlemen in armour, says Frayling — and there are the bloodaxe epics such as *Conan the Barbarian*, set in a Hollywood Valhalla in which warriors reprised their terrestrial days of fighting and boozing. By contrast, *Star Wars* relocated the Middle Ages into the future, in which a secular hero is initiated into a chivalric order of astronauts.

Turns of the Century. *Radio 3, 4.20pm.*

I am delighted to share with Gillian Reynolds her enthusiasm for the music-hall artistry of the Western Brothers. For polish, wit, sophistication and elegance, epitomised by their white tie and tails, and monocles, the cousins Kenneth and George were in a comedy class of their own — upper class. "We're really too utterly utter," they would drawl. "We're frightfully BBC." They poked fun at homosexuals when such a thing was not considered to be in bad taste ("We still think a pansy's a kind of flower"). They were the only entertainers on the halls who dared to incorporate into their songs such mangled Latinisms as "Pro bono public-house o".

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45** Newsbeat **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **6.15** The Net **6.30** The Mix **7.00** The Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel **1.00** Tim Westwood

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Paul Heiney **7.00** Today's the Day **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.00** Listen to the Band with Frank Renton **10.00** Iain Anderson **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl Euronews and at **11.00** News, Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck, and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport and racing results **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** American Graffiti, presented by Jonathan Freedland **9.35** Stop Press **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan Ling **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe **7.00** News **7.15** *Middlemarch* **7.30** Heritage **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News in German **9.15** Faith **9.45** Sports **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** *Middlemarch* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain **12.30** Science **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Alternative **3.00** News in German **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Sports **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Faith **7.30** Multitrack **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sports **11.00** News **11.10** Spotlight **11.15** Heritage **11.45** Farming **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30** From the Weeklies **12.45** Britain **1.00** News **1.10** Press Review **1.15** Seven Days **1.30** Jazz **1.45** Books **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Vintage Chart **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Jazz **4.45** Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Barley **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Telemann (Recorder Concerto No 1 in C) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** News **6.30** Bach (Flute Sonata in E) **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Offenbach (Overture: La belle Hélène), Mendelssohn (Concerto for violin and piano in D minor), Tchaikovsky (Capriccio Italien), Dvořák (Symphony No 5 in F) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Borth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Smetana (Tabor; Blanik, Ma Vlast); Bach (Fantasia and Fugue in C minor); Copland (Suite: Billy the Kid); **7.05** *Purcell Portfolio*. A selection of songs; **7.17** Telemann (Sonata prima in A); Villa-Lobos (Valsa de Dor); Rimsky-Korsakov (Suite: The Snow Maiden); Janáček, transcr Talich (Suite, The Cunning Little Vixen); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Myslivecek (Sinfonia in B flat); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World)

10.00 Musical Encounters. *Artist of the Week*: Gil Shaham, violin. Vivaldi (Concerto in F minor, Winter, Four Seasons); **10.10** Haydn (Concerto in F); Purcell (From those serene and rapturous joys); Pleyel (Wind Partita); Sibelius (Violin Concerto)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Vivaldi. The Seasons. Music Vivaldi wrote for feast days and different seasons of the liturgical year

1.00pm Bristol Lunchtime Concert. Bartok Plus. Anthony Marwood, violin; Susan Tomes, piano. Brahms, arr Joachim (Two Hungarian Dances); Soproni (Violin Sonata); Bartok (Violin Sonata No 1)

2.00 Schools: Let's Make a Story **2.15** Music Box **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner

3.00 Fairest Isle: Mining the Archive. The Emigrés. Bernard Keeffe introduces the recordings of Berthold Goldschmidt and Franz Reizenstein, both of whom were born in Germany

4.20 Fairest Isle: Turns of the Century. See Choice

4.30 Krishna Arises. Shruti Sadolikar sings the *Raga Bibhas*

5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson concludes his visit to the Web

5.15 In Tune. Debussy (Feux d'Artifice); Field (Nocturne No 5 in B flat); Ibert (Divertissement)

7.30 Bach and Stravinsky, from St Giles's Church, Cripplegate. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G; Singet dem Herrn); Stravinsky (Concerto for Chamber Orchestra, Dumbarton Oaks); **8.15** Stravinsky and Eternity. Michael Oliver asks which are Stravinsky's religious works; **8.35** Bach, arr Stravinsky (Concerto in D for strings); Bach (Mass in G)

10.25 Fairest Isle: Readings from Cardus. The final selection from the musical criticisms of Sir Neville Cardus presented by Fritz Spiegl

10.40 Hear and Now: In Memory of Luigi Nono. The third tribute to the composer includes three early works and the UK première of a work for six vocal and instrumental soloists and live electronics

12.00-1.00am Fairest Isle: Britannia at the Opera. Arthur Bliss's *The Olympians*, with a libretto by J. B Priestley. Scottish Opera Chorus; BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00-10.00 Test Match Special (LW only). South Africa v England. The second day's play of the second Test

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs (FM only), featuring the record producer Pete Waterman as the castaway (r)

9.45 Feedback (FM only), with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 News; Print the Legend (FM only). See Choice (3/7)

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only). The death of Charles I

10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only from **11.00**). Introduced from Edinburgh by Ruth Wishart. Short Story: *The Shapeshifters* by Ellis Ni Dhuibhne

11.00-4.00pm Test Match Special (LW only). Coverage of South Africa v England

NB. The following are FM only until 4.00pm

11.30 The Natural History Programme

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi

12.25pm The Food Programme. Christmas traditions in Britain **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles The Warden (2/2) (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Tim Marlowe sees Momix Dance Company re-enact a baseball game on stage

4.45 Short Story: Will He Last the Weekend? A new story for World Aids Day, written by Turan Ali

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places. Includes a tour of Glasgow's necropolis with historian Gavin Stamp

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Bilston, West Midlands. With Will Hutton, assistant editor of the *Guardian*; Donald Dewar, MP, Labour's Chief Whip; Anne Applebaum, deputy editor of the *Spectator*; and Michael Jack, MP

8.50 Law in Action. Presented by Marcel Berlins

9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature Salome's Dance (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Inside Mr Enderby, by Anthony Burgess, read by the late Sir Robert Stephens (7/12)

11.00 Week Ending

11.25 Tea Junction

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Hotel for the Holidays. William Hope reads the first part of a new story by Jay McInerney

12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service** (LW only)

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Marie, the contrary queen of contraception

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

The big lesson to be learnt from last night's **Secret Lives** (Channel 4) was not the obvious one about vanity or hubris or eugenics. Marie Stopes made one very big mistake in her life: she predeceased her disgruntled secretary, Judith Johns. This elderly woman is possessed of such abnormal bluntness and retrospective contempt that she threatened to overtip the programme on several occasions, and had to be eked out sparingly. "She wouldn't do anything unless there was publicity in it," Johns told us; "actually, her ideas were the same as Hitler's." And on Stopes's middle-aged sex drive: "She thought she was very beautiful! She did!" Johns coughed in disbelief, and then added, with perfect timing: "Yes, she always had that delusion."

Is it strictly true, however, that Marie Stopes gave foreplay to the world? If so, it ought to count for something, along with the Dutch caps. Sex historians, biographers, and genuine readers testified to the importance of Stopes's book *Married Love*, against background archive footage of women in black coats each grimly holding a big white object like a bolster, while tots thronged at their feet. One of the sex historians said that, until the publication of *Married Love*, a man would come home from work, "bang the table", and expect the wife to lie back and think of England. Which is a bit odd, actually, because usually when a man banged the table, his wife cantered in nervously with egg and chips. No wonder the sex life of the working classes was so miserable, with misunderstandings as profound as this one at its core.

The big "secret" about Stopes was that she gave instructions to the world about marital coitus while still a virgin. She was also a domestic tyrant, egomaniac, sexual gourmand, monstrously possessive mother and devotee of selective breeding. To sum up, then, nobody had a good word, except perhaps "Thanks for the naughty book". In cruelly funny photographs, Stopes posed in bulging swimming costumes with one toe pointed, and cellulite like a cold rice pudding. Lurking in the background to many photographs was her husband Humphrey, who formally released her from obligations to fidelity in a letter she helpfully dictated to him. What a rotten life. When first married, they called each other "Tiger" and "Wood Nymph" but alas, the epithets seem to have been assigned the wrong way round.

Last night's **EastEnders** (BBC1) found Arthur Fowler arrested for the embezzlement of the Flowering Wilderness appeal. Devotees of the series had been expecting this development, to say the least. In fact, if it didn't happen soon, we were likely to start picketing Elstree. But while Arthur's inevitable tragedy unfolded in a cold police interview room, writer Tony Jordan gave the episode an interesting twist by setting the whole thing against a gruesome party at Pat's, thrown to celebrate the full arrival of boyfriend Roy into the Square.

Dramatically, this happy knees-up with Bee Gees records was intended to offset Arthur's isolation ("I am telling you the truth!"); but it served a double purpose. If Arthur is sent down for a crime he did not commit, at least he will avoid the Blondie records, the pineapple-on-a-stick, and Pat pouring gin in glasses by turning the bottle upside down. Given the choice last night between Pat's living room and the torture chambers of the Spanish Inquisition, most people would have plumped for the pointy hats, no problem.

Why Arthur does not deduce that his chum Willy is behind this, I don't know. But incriminating evidence has been found in his shed, and things look black. Like most soaps, *EastEnders* usually ends with a big face looking thoughtful, the success of this image dependent on the quality of the actor. One remembers with delight Steve's hilariously inadequate look of "Flummoxed" on discovering Binnie in bed with Della. It is impressed on my mind's eye, and cheers me up in dull moments on trains. Anyway, Bill Treacher justified the tradition magnificently last night. His face collapsed, his mouth fell open, his eyes bagged. In fact, as he saw his life in ruins, I have to say I felt quite sorry for him.

Up to now I have avoided **Sophie's Meat Course** (Channel 4), so I chose Offal Week as my launch point, as a mark of courage. Ever since Jonathan Meades described the sexual act as "rubbing offal", my head has never been quite the same. Anyway, a huge tongue lolled on a board, the size of a loaf; little fat kidneys squeaked in a dish; testicles were shown, too, but only at a tasteful distance. Graham Portwine, who advises Sophie Grigson about meat, was rather keen on the tongue but not so keen on the gonads. "Men don't want to eat them for some reason," said Grigson, larkily. (Marie Stopes probably had them daily for breakfast.)

Some of this stuff was hard to watch, on top of which it didn't look in the least bit appetising, and there was no magic in the art. But then what do I know about cooking? Instructed by a recipe recently "now trim the chicken livers" I screamed and flapped my hands, and gave the whole lot to the cat. Unable to comment on the cooking, therefore, I will gladly say I was impressed by Sophie's hair mousse, which is quite as formidable as the gel of Gary Rhodes.

The tongue was really obscene, however, and the idea of giving it to unsuspecting guests is a little optimistic. "It will serve up to ten people with no waste!" said Sophie. How true. Especially when eight of them run from the room as though their bottoms are on fire.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (25361)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (47223555)
9.10 Kilroy (s)(8491915)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1516951) **10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook.** Presented by Ainsley Harriott (s) (8034082)
10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. With Anita Roddick (s) (65951)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8943333) **12.05pm Pebble Mill.** Nancy Sinatra and the BBC Big Band pay tribute for Frank's 80th birthday (s) (5199265) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (64038710)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (96449) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (96588159) **1.50 Columbo: Requiem for a Falling Star** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6442265) **3.05 Incognito** (s) (6175888)
3.30 Orville and Cuddles (r) (6304401) **3.35 Robinson Sucroe** (Ceefax) (s) (1918333) **4.00 The Itsy Bitsy Spider** (s) (1286130) **4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde** (Ceefax) (s) (8292555) **4.35 Record Breakers** (Ceefax) (s) (1577623)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (3901130)
5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (8376159)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (438975)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (8)
6.30 Regional news magazines (20)
7.00 The World's Strongest Man. The second of five qualifying heats. (Ceefax) (s) (2913)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Howard Stableford reports on Megacity, an extravagant proposal for a new city in land-hungry Japan. Philippa Forrester investigates a pain-free alternative to the dentist's drill, invented by a Hampshire vicar (Ceefax) (s) (84)
8.00 Wildlife on One. A Graze with Danger. A documentary about the Thomson's gazelles, one of Africa's great success stories. They must fend off baboons, lions, cheetahs and jackals to survive (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8333)
8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham captain teams answering questions put by David Coleman (Ceefax) (s) (7468)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8178)



Nigel Le Vaillant and Sian Webber (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Dangerfield.** (Ceefax) (s) (950807)
10.20 FILM: Bronco Billy (1980). A comedy western directed by and starring Clint Eastwood (Ceefax) (s) (643536) **WALES: 10.20** The Way It Is (317265) **10.50** Film: Bronco Billy (83850807) **12.45am** Snooker (563173) **1.45-2.55** Film: It Conquered the World (3811531)
12.15am Snooker. Highlights of the first semi-final in the UK Championships (564802)
1.15 FILM: It Conquered the World (1956) with Peter Graves, Lee Van Cleef and Beverly Garland. A vegetable monster from Venus threatens to cause havoc on Earth. Directed by Roger Corman (5279227)
2.25 Weather (8380802)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season
7.00 Breakfast News. (Signed) (9464468)
7.15 Lassie (2166284) **7.40 Swat Kats** (r) (7088826) **8.05 Smart** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2449401) **8.35 The Record** (7889807)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (9484523)
2.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (s) (69649159)
2.10 Sport on Friday. The first semi-final of the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship from the Guild Hall, Preston (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (609284) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9948791)
4.00 Today's the Day Recent history quiz (s) (33)
4.30 Snooker from Preston (29826)
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage ghoulish humour from America. (Ceefax) (976791)
6.25 The New Avengers starring Patrick Macnee, Joanna Lumley and Gareth Hunt (r). (Ceefax) (342536)
7.15 Football, Fussball, Voetbal. The series tracing the history of 40 years of European football this week focuses on France and Belgium (623333)
8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. Tony Mason reports on Alister McRae's bid to emulate his father and elder world champion brother in winning the British Rally Championship. (Ceefax) (s) (6975)
8.30 Secret Nature: Beyond Tide's Reach Natural history series on the flora and fauna of the English Channel (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8710)
9.00 Not the Nine O'Clock News. Satirical series from the 1980s, starring Rowan Atkinson, Griff Rhys Jones, Mel Smith and Pamela Stephenson (r). (Ceefax) (9420)
9.30 CHOICE **Coogan's Run: Handyman for All Seasons.** (Ceefax) (s) (51739)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Comedy quiz chaired by Angus Deayton. Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Ken Livingstone, MP, and comedian Alan Davies (s) (23468)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (514449)
11.15 Don't Give Up Your Day Job. A show of talent, or lack of it. Celebrities slag off the hopeful acts. Introduced by Paul Brophy (s) (122791). **WALES: 11.15** Welsh Lobby (122791) **11.45** Don't Give Up Your Day Job (121062) **12.15am** Weather (2910840) **12.20-2.55** Film: Ran (58879005)
11.45 Weather (832807)

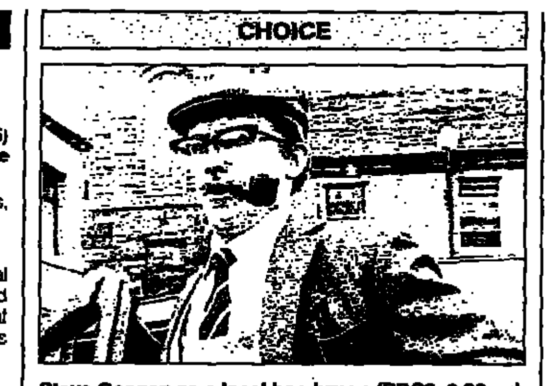


Tatsuya Nakadai and Peter in *Ran* (11.50pm)

11.50 FILM: Ran (1985). Akira Kurosawa's drama, based on Shakespeare's *King Lear* (88805265) Ends **2.30am**

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CHOICE



Steve Coogan as a local handyman (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Coogan's Run: Handyman For All Seasons
BBC2, 9.30pm

Steve Coogan's latest disguise involves a moustache, a flat hat and a Lancashire accent and turns him into Ernest Moss, the village handyman, leading a fight against property developers who want to build an amusement park. The year is 1960, which is why the programme is in black and white, and the period flavour is further evoked through pop songs and a spoof advertisement for an ideal home. The wit extends to the writing, a script beloved of the Ealing film comedies in which a small community closes ranks against unscrupulous outsiders. Although Coogan made his name with more flamboyant creations such as Alan Partridge and the Calf siblings, the quieter humour displayed here is no less effective.

Dressing For Breakfast
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Stephanie Calman's woman-focused sit-com continues to defy the cosy conventions of the genre. In Calman's world it is not love at first sight but sex, and even for a show going out just after the watershed, the language is explicit. We are indeed a million miles from *Terry and June*. Louise (Beatie Edney) is that modern type of woman who is happy to have a man to share her bed, as long as he clears off the next morning. The men in the series tend to come out badly, being portrayed as either docile wimps or selfish slobs. The studio audience, at least, seems sympathetic to Calman's drift. When a furious Louise tells her latest male conquest to get out of her life, immediately, there is a spontaneous outbreak of applause.

Dangerfield
BBC1, 9.30pm

The running joke of this agreeable series is that Nigel Le Vaillant's doctor is so busy trying to be a GP and a police surgeon at the same time that he can hardly stop to draw breath before the mobile phone summons him to some new crisis. Tonight, though, he is off on holiday, his first for six years. But if you think he will get through without a suspicious death to cope with you obviously have been watching something else on Friday nights. Meanwhile, back at base, Dr Nick (Bill Wallis) checks in to Alcoholics Anonymous and the cops are investigating a hit-and-run. *Dangerfield* may not have the dramatic intensity of, say, *Cracker*, but there is much to be said for a show that offers satisfying puzzles and eschews the sordid.

Frasier: Angels in America
Channel 4, 10.00pm

The beauty of American sit-coms is that they get straight to the point. They may not have much time to develop character but you can depend on sharp plotting, carried along on a volley of one-liners. Tonight Kelsey Grammer's dithering psychiatrist is the victim of that archetypal American figure, the bossy woman. "Lady Macbeth without the sincerity" is how we are prepared for the arrival of Bebe, a fiery redhead played by Harriet Sansom Harris. She is Frasier's agent, determined to get him a better contract for his radio show. All this is set out with admirable economy in the opening couple of minutes. The rest is a mainly predictable development of the theme, but fast and often funny all the same. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (8901604)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (8089604) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (6034802)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2858371)
10.35 This Morning. With Martin Clunes, Neil Morrissey and Brian Turner (28892197) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (8949517)
12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (2707555)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (2782246) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (44871081) **1.55 Shortland Street** (96509642)
2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show (s) (18457623) **2.50 High Road** (Teletext) (5935178)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8413265)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8412536)
3.30 Jays World (s) (3141352) **3.40 St Tiggywinkles.** (3138888) **3.55 The Spooks of Bottle Bay** (s) (9598371) **4.15 Freakazoid!** (1290333) **4.40 Fun House** (Teletext) (s) (1851623)
5.10 NEW **LWT — Caring at Christmas** Caron Keating and reporter Sonya Saul claim to offer an indispensable guide to surviving the festive season. (Teletext) (2894536)
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (430468)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (970517)
6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (688975)
7.00 Family Fortunes (Teletext) (s) (7081)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (72)
8.00 The Bill: Neutral Territory. CID get an unexpected result when the police take on Sun Hill's young offenders. (Teletext) (3401)

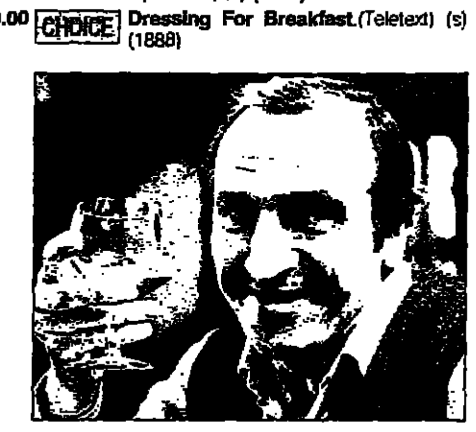


Julia Sawalha and Lynda Bellingham (8.30pm)

8.30 Faith in the Future: Prickly Heat. Comedy with Lynda Bellingham, Julia Sawalha and Jeff Rawle. (Teletext) (s) (2536)
9.00 Woman on the Run: The Lawrencia Bembenek Story. The start of a three-part drama based on the true story of a woman sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her husband's former wife. With Tatum O'Neal, Bruce Greenwood. (s) (9772)
10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (10994)
10.30 Dame Edna's Hollywood. With Kim Basinger, Burgess Meredith, Ringo Starr and Robin Williams (r) (89468)
11.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (850178)
11.40 Speakeasy — Aids Special Emma Forbes and Dexter Fletcher present a World Aids Day programme, with contributions from Steve Coogan, Caroline Quentin, Anna Friel, Richard E. Grant, Elton John, Martin Clunes and Eddie Izzard; plus music from D:Ream (580642)
12.40am Sledge Hammer! *Hammeroid* (9357376)
1.05 The James Whale Show (s) (8230173)
2.05 The Chart Show (s) (1427276)
3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (60851579)
3.25 Noisy Mothers (s) (4259956)
4.30 The New Music. kd lang (48802)
5.30 ITN Morning News (49550). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Ulysses 31. Cartoon series (r) (79284)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (79772)
9.00 The Golden Girls. Sophia has a hot date (r) (Teletext) (s) (20371)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (7243888) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (7264371) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7011541) **10.10** Believe It Or Not (2208081) **10.27** Mathsbook (7946449) **10.40** Off Limits (5425772) **11.05** Ready, Set, Go (9919623) **11.20** Stage One (9907888) **11.35** Schools at Work (6122642) **11.40** How We Used to Live (4069159)
12.00 Simply the Best. Kit Chapman explores the herbs of East Anglia (r) (17807)
12.30pm Sesame Street. The guests are the Neville Brothers (93468) **1.30 Katie and Orbie** (r) (58642)
2.00 Pete Smith Specialties: Camera Sleuth (60754710)
2.15 FILM: Come To the Stable (1949, b/w) starring Loretta Young, Celeste Holm, Elsa Lanchester. Nuns from France build a hospital for children in New England. Directed by Henry Koster (693623)
4.00 Think Tank. Team quiz. (Teletext) (s) (71)
4.30 Fifteen To One (Teletext) (3)
5.00 The Factory (r). (Teletext) (s) (7485284)
5.45 Holy Places. A Zoroastrian place of worship in north London (r). (Teletext) (s) (792710)
6.00 Blossom (r). (Teletext) (s) (78)
6.30 Moviewatch. Johnny Vaughan and Caroline Tudor review the latest film releases (s) (30)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (251130)
7.55 Book Choice. Joe Queenan reviews James Spada's *Streisand: The Intimate Biography.* (Teletext) (s) (599246)
8.00 Taste of Africa. In the fifth of her six-part series Dorinda Hafner samples the cuisine of Mali (r) (Teletext) (s) (4371)
8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (9998)
9.00 CHOICE **Dressing For Breakfast.** (Teletext) (s) (1888)



Leonard Rossiter stars as Rigsby (9.30pm)

9.30 Rising Damp. Classic comedy starring Leonard Rossiter as Rigsby, the lecherous landlord of seedy bedsits (r) (Teletext) (s) (46807)
10.00 CHOICE **Frasier: Agents in America.** (Teletext) (s) (18536)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back to Bjork, Lord Tebbit and Spike Milligan (s) (509517)
11.15 Crapston Villas (s) (969130)
11.30 Eurotrash — The World Tour. A collection of mainly bad taste items from Japan. (s) (59420)
12.00 Beavis and Butt-Head (s) (46463)
12.30am FILM: I Wake Up Screaming (1942, b/w) starring Betty Grable and Victor Mature. A murder mystery. H. Bruce Humberstone directs (31840)
2.00 FILM: Terror By Night (1946, b/w) starring Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes, investigating a series of murders and the theft of a priceless diamond on the London to Edinburgh express. Directed by Roy William Neill (Teletext) (2763869). Ends at **3.05am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2782246) **1.25** Home and Away (44871081) **1.55** A Country Practice (96541804) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (9014333) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2894536) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (88) **10.30** Anglia News Extra (29642) **11.00** Six Pairs of Pants (8791) **11.30** Plugged (844062) **12.35am** The James Whale Show (9749573) **1.35** Speak Easy 'Aids' Special (3158882) **2.30** Coach (4474647) **2.55** Noisy Mothers (4182278) **3.55** The Album Show (9133869) **4.50** Music Box Profile (26633937) **5.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80444)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (96509642) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (4848159) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2894536) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (688975) **10.40** Central Weekend (3178197) **12.10am** Who Do You Do? (3321463) **12.40** Beyond Reality (9357376) **4.25** Jobfinder (2368260) **5.20** Asian Eye (1309444)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (2782246) **1.25** Home and Away (89744333) **1.55** Blue Heelers (8380791) **2.50-3.20** Growing Pains (5935178) **5.10-5.40** High Road (2894536) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (688975) **10.40** Up Front (264807) **11.40** Bodies of Evidence (859284) **12.45am-1.05** The Powers That Be (2995531)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (5016517) **1.20** High Road (44872710) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (4846159) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2894536) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (88) **10.45** Film: Night of the Big Heat (83857710) **12.35am** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (2995531)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (88) **10.45** A Night Out with Money (105284) **11.45** Street Legal (837197)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6034802) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8949517) **12.55** Coronation Street (2782246) **1.25** Home and Away (44871081) **1.55** A Country Practice (96509642) **2.20-2.50** Houseparty (18457623) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8412536) **5.10** Home and Away (2894536) **6.37-6.40** Three Minutes — Your Story (829371) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (36420) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (10994) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (29642) **11.00** Six Pairs of Pants (8791) **11.30** Plugged (844062) **12.35am** The James Whale Show (9749573) **1.35** Speak Easy 'Aids' Special (3158882) **2.30** Coach (4474647) **2.55** Noisy Mothers (4182278) **3.55** The Album Show (9133869) **4.50** Music Box Profile (26633937) **5.00** Freescreen (80444)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2782246) **1.25** Home and Away (44871081) **1.55** The Woodward File (36641804) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (9014333) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2894536) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (36420) **10.40** Film: Gregory's Girl (83849791) **12.35am** Coach (2995531)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2782246) **1.25** Home and Away (44871081) **1.55** A Country Practice (96509642) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (9024710) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2894536) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (975888) **6.30-7.00** Maynard's Bill (88) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (277536) **10.40** Magnum (264807) **11.40** War and Remembrance (219888) **1.35am** The James Whale Show (9075482) **2.35** The Big E (2287640) **3.30** The Beat (9114734) **4.25** Shift (2384208) **5.15** Profile (1302531) **5.25** Music Video (4599096)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (79772) **9.00** The Golden Girls (20371) **9.30** Schools: Eureka! (7243888) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (7264371) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7011541) **10.10** Believe It Or Not (2208081) **10.27** Mathsbook (7946449) **10.40** Off Limits (5425772) **11.05** Ready, Set, Go (9919623) **11.20** Stage One (9907888) **11.35** I bod o'n helpu Plismon Puw i ddal lladron? (6122642) **11.40** How We Used to Live (4069159) **12.00** Sesame Street (45178) **1.00pm** Slot Meithrin (89159) **1.30** Film: Jubal (18333) **3.30** Mighty Heroes (94) **3.30** Sophie's Meat Course (94) **4.00** Think Tank (71) **4.30** Hands Up (3) **5.00** 5 Pump: Y Bolgi Bach (2159) **5.30** 5 Pump: Mega (65) **5.30** Fifteen to One (65) **6.00** Newyddion (343449) **6.15** Heno (318604) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (262420) **7.25** Dros Ben Llestri (996826) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (4371) **8.30** Newyddion (9998) **9.00** Achabachyn 4 Yn Y Bar (541081) **9.45** Holy Places (357055) **10.00** Brookside (18536) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (509517) **11.15** Crapston Villas (969130) **11.30** Eurotrash (44246) **12.30am** Film: I Wake Up Screaming (31840) **2.00** Film: Sherlock Holmes in Terror By Night (2763869) **3.05** Diwedd

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SKY ONE
7.00am The DJ Kat Show (38623) **8.00** Mighty Morphin (58178) **8.30** Jeopardy (57449) **9.00** Court TV (31401) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (40449) **10.30** Concentration (60913) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (45739) **12.00** Spellbound (51265) **12.30pm** Designing Women (60401) **1.00** The Waltons (98284) **2.00** Geraldo (14371) **3.00** Court TV (6130) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (8906449) **4.20** Undun (1090536) **5.00** Star Trek (2410) **6.00** Mighty Morphin (6246) **6.30** Spellbound (6046) **7.00** LAPD (8739) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9710) **8.00** Just Kidding (4159) **8.30** Coppers (6994) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (15975) **10.00** Star Trek (18062) **11.00** Law and Order (26604) **12.00** Late Show (8508847) **12.45am** The Untouchables (6953598) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (80005) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (7458289)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9258913) **10.30** ABC Nightline (68555) **1.30pm** CBS News (94772) **2.30** Parliament Live (18913) **3.30** Parliament Live (8604) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (18178) **8.30** Entertainment (4536) **11.30** CBS News (86807) **12.30am** ABC News Tonight (89442) **1.30** Tonight Replay (88192) **2.30** Sky Report (42289) **3.30** Parliament (47734) **4.30** CBS World News (95734) **5.30** ABC world News (51258)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase () (54284) **8.00 Five Fingers** (1952) (10933) **10.00 A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** (1966) (71517) **12.00 Skippy and the Intruders** (1969) (95246) **2.00pm The Butter Cream Gang in the Secret of Treasure Mountain** (1993) (32642) **4.00 A Wedding on Walton's Mountain** (1982) (5642) **6.00 Me and the Kid** (1994) (29178) **8.00 The Piano** (1993) (24633) **10.00 Guilty as Sin** (1993) (568371) **11.50 Shootfighter** (1993) (102159) **1.30am Betrayed by Love** (1993) (399531) **3.05 Romper Stomper** (1993) (5117598) **4.35 The Butter Cream Gang in the Secret of Treasure Mountain** (1993) (6926550)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Remember the Night (1940) (7284) **6.00 The Barkleys of Broadway** (1949) (85772) **8.00 Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment** (1985) (97517) **10.00 Rocky IV** (1985) (710807) **11.40 The Ghost Breakers** (1940) (222826) **1.05-2.55am Le Cop II** (1992) (259956)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am No Dessert Dad, 'til You Mow the Lawn (1993) (52826) **8.00 Dunderklumpen** (1973) (10915) **10.00 Gunga Din** (1939) (79159) **12.00 Mercy Mission: Rescue of Flight 771** (1993) (93888) **2.00pm Scooby-do** (30284) **4.00 Dunderklumpen** (1973) (3284) **6.00 Bonanza: Under Attack** (1995) (73159) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (2420) **8.00 The Fugitive** (1993) (50198642) **10.10 Mac** (1992) (296517) **12.10am Passion Fish** (1993) (18627376) **2.30 Beyond Suspicion** (1993) (861753) **4.10 Crisis in the Kremlin** (1992) (835227)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Under The Umbrella Tree (45844333) **6.30** Muppets (33856772) **7.00** Pooh (36619130) **7.30** Ducktales (36638265) **8.00** Chip (29091062) **8.30** Wonderland (29090333) **9.00** Fraggle (29014913) **9.30** Pooh Corner (63839517) **10.00** Dumbo (33870352) **10.30** Quack Attack (29010197) **11.00** Disney (36647913) **12.00** FILM: Sister Kenny (33887888) **2.00pm** Wonderland (70667623) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (62655081) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (70846130) **3.30** Pooh (62667826) **4.00** Quack Attack (62646333) **4.30** Ducktales (62642517) **5.00** Cyberstar (88673975) **6.30** Faerie Tale (80354888) **7.30** Eyewitness (62643246) **8.00** Best of Hollywood (18539371) **9.30-10.00** Making of the Lion King (63853197)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Tennis (69333) **8.00** Olympic Magazine (78517) **8.30** Triathlon (97468) **9.30** Swimming (88623) **10.30** Aerobics (80352) **11.00** Boxing (78081) **12.00** Superbike (38325) **1.00pm** Triathlon (18623) **2.00** Eurofun (8517) **2.30** Motorsports (41265) **3.30** Swimming (440352) **6.00** Alpine Skiing (13791) **7.30** News (8884) **8.00** Boxing (66623) **9.00** Swimming (63159) **10.00** Pro Wrestling (56246) **11.00** Sumo (66246) **12.00-12.30am** News (39111)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports (55130) **7.30** Racing News (74265) **8.00** Cricket — Live (4281352) **4.00** Davis Cup (22791) **5.00** Wrestling (6536) **6.00** Sports (39351) **7.00** Bradford Bulls Vs Oldham — Live (61268325) **9.25** Sports Centre (511994) **9.30** Cricket Highlights (64062) **11.30** Sports (31371) **12.30pm** Big League (80314) **2.30-4.30** Davis Cup: Russia v USA (12937)



Holly Hunter and Anna Paquin in *The Piano* (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

SKY SPORTS 2
7.00am Davis Cup (3727979) **9.00** Golf — Million Dollar Challenge (9602081) **12.00-1.00pm** Trans World (2533050)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL
4.00am Living **5.00** Copeland **5.30** Kidz TV **5.45** Christian Entertainment **6.15** Benny Hinn **6.45-7.00** Music

SKY SOAP
7.00am Guiding Light (4359449) **7.55** As the World Turns (7685913) **8.50** Peyton Place (4393159) **9.20** Days of our Lives (4447159) **10.10-11.00** Another World (5059389)

SKY TRAVEL
11.00am Globetrotter (1705791) **11.30** American Vacation (4113062) **12.30pm** Franey (2782265) **1.00** Around the World (4272064) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (2781536) **2.00** E Report (4715555) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (2481826) **3.00** Getaway (4794062) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (2486371)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
4.00pm Our Century (1720371) **5.00** History Alive (4718642) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Nostrodamus (2790284)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL
1.00am Swamp Thing (1829753) **1.30** Ray Bradbury Theatre (6141550) **2.00-4.00** FILM: Ritual of Evil (2589753)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (9549371) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (1465352) **10.00** Furniture To Go (6726352) **10.30** Soul Mates (9545555) **11.00** Living Proof (1061623) **12.00** Savaged (9636807) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (1476468) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (1072739) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (1475739) **2.00** The Right Thing? (7440246) **2.30** Get Well Soon (8096826) **3.00** Furniture To Go (7452081) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (8091371)

UK GOLD
7.00am Angels (1075826) **7.30** Neighbours (1054333) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9535178) **8.30** EastEnders (9534449) **9.00** The Bill (9518401) **9.30** The Sullivans (1467710) **10.00** Bergerac (1050517) **11.00** Dallas (1063081) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9538265) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1478826) **1.00** EastEnders (1074197) **1.30** The Bill (1477197) **2.00** The Sullivans (80395979) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (3558081) **3.00** Angels (7461739) **3.30** Eldorado (8060401) **4.00** Casualty (95395130) **5.05** Larry Grayson's Generation Game (41612420) **6.15** Kenny's Comic Cuts (6851536) **6.25** EastEnders (2404284) **7.00** Eldorado (7445420) **7.30** Taxi (8086449) **8.00** The Best of Top of the Pops (3393979) **8.20** Some Mothers do 'Ave 'Em (1260994) **9.00** Widows (5803284) **10.00** The Bill (6851197) **10.35** Classic Sport (1475536) **11.35** The Young Ones (2939420) **12.15am** Dr Who (8561937) **12.45** FILM: When Eight Bells Toll (3903173) **2.20-3.00** Shopping (6420227)

TCC
6.00am Swan's Crossing (78642) **6.30** Pugwall (84739) **7.00** Degrassi Junior High (95333) **7.30** Ready Or Not (14468) **8.00** Valley High (12975) **8.30** Casper (6662401) **8.45** Dinobabies (6690284) **9.00** Tiny TCC (8341994) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (48994) **2.30** Happily Ever After (9791) **3.00** Sonic (9642) **3.30** Pink Panther (1536) **4.00** California Dreams (3371) **4.30-5.00** Valley High (9555)

NICKELODEON
6.00am Garbage Pail (4000555) **6.15** Grimmy (4098710) **6.30** Turtles (33420) **7.00** Batfink (1068178) **7.05** age Turtles (3099517) **7.45** Rugrats (612739) **8.15** Doug (707371) **8.45** Ferals (5804197) **9.00** Nick Jr (7380401) **12.30pm** Monsters (26642) **1.00** Clarissa (85371) **1.30** Mighty Max (25913) **2.00** Speed Racer (4791) **2.30** Galaxy (5913) **3.00** Duckula (3826) **3.30** Pet Shop (7130) **4.00** Turtles (6265) **4.30** Rugrats (2449) **5.00** Clarissa (8371) **5.30** Wishbone (6401) **6.00** Doug (6642) **6.30** Are You Afraid? (7994) **7.00** Ferris (5807) **7.30-8.00** Sister Sister (3178)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Untamed Africa (1426975) **5.00** Vanishing Worlds (7443333) **6.00** Invention (8097565) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (1915333) **7.30** On the Road Again (8077791) **8.00** Lonely Planet (5881062) **9.00** Wings (5801826) **10.00** Survival (9537536) **10.30** Survival (9548284) **11.00-12.00** Azimuth (1056888)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Night of the Ghouls (98422420) **1.15pm** Honey West (7291265) **2.00** The Saint (6721807) **3.00** Scotland Yard (7456807) **3.30** Man From Interpol (8095197) **4.00** FILM: The Green Man (1218438) **5.30** Honey West (8094468) **6.00** Danger Man (8084081) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (1919159) **7.30** The Protectors (8071517) **8.00** The Saint (5885888) **9.00** FILM: Shout at the Devil (53541623) **11.20-12.00** FILM: Fairport Convention (7424352)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony (7814739) **7.00** Living (6695081) **9.00** More Front Gardens (2597536) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5690888) **10.00** Hearts (1188536) **10.40** Bride of the Day (46705604) **10.55** Entertainment Now! (21166333) **11.00** Young and Restless (3468604) **11.55** Health (6511536) **12.30pm** Food and Drink (5043826) **1.05** Kilroy (1589333) **2.00** Agony (4574197) **3.00** Magazine (4214401) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8953130) **4.30** Crosswits (7007994) **5.05** Joker's Wild (59811062) **5.30** Bewitched (8973994) **6.00** Esther (8970807) **6.30** Della (8961159) **7.00** Living Positive (8903159) **7.05** Women's Voices (7464975) **7.50** Living Positive (8259517) **8.00** Young and Restless (4863401) **9.00** FILM: Woman on the Ledge (4873888) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (6682517)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am Wonder Years (8159) **5.30** Tintin (9997) **6.00** Batman (4820) **6.30** Catchphrase (1772) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (1623) **7.30** Fall Guy (38159) **8.30** Home to Roost (6178) **9.00** Ruth Rendell (19739) **10.00** All Clued Up (16791) **10.30** Neon Rider (34913) **11.30** Batman (64975) **12.00** Fall Guy (37314) **1.00pm** Zorro (32918) **1.30** Rhoda (68821) **2.00** Neon Rider (83802) **3.00** Rhoda (45482) **3.30** Zorro (86424) **4.00** Wonder Years (21937) **4.30-5.00** Black Stallion (46111)

MTV
6.30am The Grind (86197) **7.00** 3 From 1 (8863081) **7.15** The Wildside (4403642) **8.00** VJ Maria (323246) **10.30** Pet Shop Boys Popumentary (33468) **11.00** Urban Aid: Music 4 Life (95449) **12.30pm** Greatest Hits (64826) **1.00** Music Non-stop (78616541) **2.45** 3 From 1 (3173555) **3.00** Cinematic (8299555) **3.15** Hanging Out (7622081) **4.00** News (2906449) **4.15** Hanging Out (2889772) **4.30** Dial MTV (1913) **5.00** London (1307) **5.30** Best of the Pulse 1995 (45772) **6.30** Hanging Out (3130) **7.00** A Tribute to Pedro Zamora (15913) **8.00** MTV's Most Wanted (35449) **9.30** Safe and Sexy (44062) **10.00** News (371623) **10.15** Cinematic (376178) **10.30** The Head (34197) **11.00** Partyzone (69178) **1.00am** Videos (4169956)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (5622505) **9.00** Cafe (1661197) **12.00** Heart and Soul (2763130) **1.00pm** Vinyl (2789178) **2.00** Simply Red (9644772) **3.00** Into the Music (2564438) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (2792642) **7.00** For You (6990517) **8.00** Backtrack: 1967 Part 1 (4704449) **8.30** Planet Rock (4716284) **9.00** Martin Fry (6989401) **10.00** Vinyl (6999888) **11.00** Around and Around (9022361) **12.00** The Nightfly Rocks **2.00am** Dawn Patrol (4339032)

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **5am** to **7pm**, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Morning (11388371) **8.30** Aap Ki Farmaish (84048802) **9.00** FILM: Hatim Tai (10872081) **11.30** Hum Zameen (44845555) **12.00** Dekh Bhai Dekh (76943438) **12.30pm** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (62702994) **1.00** FILM: Gharana (25781710) **4.00** Manasi (21928888) **4.30** Yaadon Ke Rang (21917772) **5.00** Zee Zone (59926888) **5.30** Hip Hip (92801826) **6.30** Zee (21929517) **7.00** BBCD (59939352) **7.30** Namaste India (21918401) **8.00** News (59915772) **8.30** Filmi Chakker (59934807) **9.00-12.00** FILM: Yeh Nazdikiyan (60041165)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm 36 Hours (LB) (1965) (68706246) **11.00 Tarzan, The Ape Man** (1981) (96603284) **1.00am Atlantis, The Lost Continent** (1961) (70722111) **2.40-5.00 The Golden Arrow** (1964) (50776043)

Late flurry of South Africa wickets undermines Kirsten's solid century

Cork puts England back on track

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN JOHANNESBURG

JOHANNESBURG (first day of five; England won the toss): South Africa have scored 278 for seven wickets against England

IT MAY have been the grisly weather forecast, the patchy grass on the pitch or a lapse into fond memories of Devon Malcolm's salad days, but whatever it was that persuaded England to bowl first in the second Test looked a sad delusion for much of yesterday. The Wanderers pitch played primly, the skies stayed mockingly blue and South Africa, despite a lame start, were striding towards a commanding total until losing five wickets as the game was dramatically transformed in the evening session.

The late stumble featured two wickets in four balls for Malcolm, whose purposeful burst with the second new ball was his best of the tour and revealed a few, half-forgotten skeletons in the South African cupboard. If their batsmen continue to play him with their eyes averted, Malcolm may yet reassert the mental grip over them that he held after his exploits at the Oval last year.

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Wickets gained late in the day hardly constituted a triumph for England's shock tactics, which looked ruinous with the opposition on 211 for two, but spoke highly for their spirit and perseverence. Darren Gough, wayward in his first spell, returned with spark, skill and ill-fortune, represented by a drop from Jack Russell, the wicket-keeper, that would have curtailed the important third-wicket partnership when it was barely past its halfway mark.

But for Dominic Cork, whose four deserved wickets in a punishing day's work endorsed his standing as much the best bowler in the party, the match might already be beyond England. As it is, they need to be batting, and batting well, by lunchtime today to nourish prospects of victory, for the traditions of this ground are that the bounce will be less trustworthy as the game proceeds.

Whether or not the author of the day's policy is ever revealed to have been Raymond Illingworth, the England manager, Michael Atherton must surely have applied it with trepidation. In his 26th Test as captain, this was only the second time he had put in the opposition; the first, in Melbourne last Christmas, brought one of his most humiliating defeats.

Now, as then, Atherton seemed half-hearted in his enforcement, falling back on defensive fields soon after lunch as if in admission of a misguided plot. He had said on Wednesday that he would be inclined to bat first, in the knowledge that the past three Tests on this ground have been won this way. He also said that he would be reluctant to omit his spin bowler. It was either a *volte face* or the hand of Illingworth was firmly on the England tiller. He may yet be vindicated.

In an afternoon that brought South Africa 110 runs without loss, England's gamble was made to look reckless by a player who is the very antithesis of the word. Gary Kirsten is not the type of left-hander who will sell tickets, but he sells his wicket dearly and he batted for 355 minutes, offering not a chance nor scarcely a hint of fallibility.

It has taken Kirsten until now, his 29th innings, to make his maiden Test hundred, and there are those who will say that he is as thin on charisma as he is on top. However, the fact that he already averaged 37 was a measure of his consistency. By contrast, Mark Ramprakash, who also began this game without a century, has played 31 Test innings at an average of 17. His chance will come today, and there is nothing in the conditions to daunt him.

Perhaps there was never likely to be, for all the suspicious staring and prodding of the turf and the baleful contemplation of the skies. It had rained as if the world was about to end on Wednesday evening, and more was predicted for yesterday. Illingworth surely knew better than to be taken in by the weather forecasters, yet England duplicated South Africa's failed tactics of a fortnight ago.

Andrew Hudson gave them the start that they required. He does not enjoy playing against England and was dropped after totalling 30 runs in four Test innings last year. He failed to add to that tally before being caught at gully, off bat and pad, in Cork's fourth over. Kirsten by then had contrived to look uncomfortable against Malcolm's bouncer, so all was going well.

The impression did not last. Hansie Cronje began to bat with great freedom and Kirsten caught the mood. There was nothing in the pitch to deter them and it took a good outswinger from Cork, fatefully followed by Cronje, to break the stand at 74.

Daryll Cullinan then took 22 balls to score, before playing with contrasting abandon, several times pulling Malcolm through mid-wicket with his weight on the front foot. The ball had stopped swinging, Cork needed a rest and Atherton, with his newly cropped hair, wore the look of a man behind bars.

As news of South Africa's progress doubled the crowd to more than 13,000 after lunch, Gough, distraught as his best spell went unrewarded, picked up a rubbish bag blown onto the ground and put it on his head. It seemed to sum up England's disarray until, half-an-hour after tea, Cullinan pushed forward to a gentle floater from Hick and was caught behind.

Now, inexplicably, the game changed course and the suspected frailties of South Africa's batting were evident, especially in Jonty Rhodes's nervous flap at another outswinger from Cork and Dave Richardson's inept dismissal to a lifter from Malcolm. Between the two, Kirsten, playing away from his body, gave Russell another of his five catches, and, in the day's final over, Cork summoned heroic reserves of energy to dislodge the dangerous McMillan, leg-before.



Cork celebrates his dismissal of Cronje, the South Africa captain, caught by Russell on the first day of the second Test in Johannesburg. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths

JOHANNESBURG SCOREBOARD

England won toss

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A C Hudson c Stewart b Cork 0
(28min, 27 balls)
G Kirsten c Russell b Malcolm 110
(353min, 241 balls, 16 fours)
*W J Cronje c Russell b Cork 35
(76min, 51 balls, 6 fours)
D J Cullinan c Russell b Hick 69
(161min, 128 balls, 10 fours)
J N Rhodes c Russell b Cork 5
(22min, 14 balls)
B M McMillan lbw b Cork 35
(85min, 70 balls, 7 fours)
†D J Richardson c Russell b Malcolm 0
(2min, 3 balls)
S M Pollock not out 3
(20min, 11 balls)
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 2, nb 5) 21
Total (7 wkts, 89.5 overs, 378min) 278
C E Eksteen, M W Pringle and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3 (Kirsten 1), 2-74 (Kirsten 34), 3-211 (Kirsten 96), 4-221 (Kirsten 101), 5-260 (McMillan 26), 6-260 (McMillan 26), 7-278 (Pollock 3)

BOWLING: Cork 27.5-6-74-4 (nb 3; 9-3-14-1, 7-1-25-1, 3-1-9-0, 4-1-9-1, 4.5-0-17-1), Malcolm 16-5-42-2 (6-3-16-0, 5-0-22-0, 5-2-4-2); Fraser 16-5-46-0 (nb 2, 5-2-15-0, 5-2-9-0, 6-1-21-0), Gough 16-2-64-0 (nb 1, w 2; 3-0-21-0, 7-2-26-0, 5-0-17-0), Hick 15-1-38-1 (5-0-14-0, 3-0-8-0, 5-0-14-1, 2-1-4-0)

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Lunch: 75-2 (27 overs, 120mins) Kirsten 34, Cullinan 0. Tea: 185-2 (58 overs, 242min) Kirsten 76, Cullinan 63. Second new ball: 251-4 (60 overs) Kirsten 108, McMillan 19

ENGLAND: *M A Atherton, A J Stewart, M R Ramprakash, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, R A Smith, †R C Russell, D G Cork, D Gough, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm

Umpires: D B Hair (Australia) and K E Liebenberg. Replay umpire: R E Koertzen. Match referee: C H Lloyd (West Indies).

RESULT: First Test (Pretoria): drawn.

TESTS TO COME: Third (Durban): Dec 14 to 18. Fourth (Port Elizabeth) Dec 26 to 30. Fifth (Cape Town), Jan 2 to 6

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ITV secures exclusive rights to televise Cup Final

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

ITV yesterday secured exclusive rights to screen the FA Cup Final from 1998 in a deal that will end 60 years of BBC coverage of the premier cup competition in British football.

Under the terms of the £130 million, four-year agreement, that beginns in 1997-98, Sky Television and ITV will provide live coverage of early rounds and will share the semi-finals. However, ITV has secured the final exclusively, the climax of the domestic football season. The BBC will be restricted to screening recorded highlights.

A BBC spokesman said: "Obviously it will be wrench to give up live coverage of the FA Cup Final after so many years, but it is becoming clear that the huge escalation in the rights fees for live domestic football has put some events beyond the reach of the BBC's licence fee."

From 1998, none of the three English domestic tournaments will be shown live on BBC, although it will still broadcast the next two European championships and the 1998 World Cup in France. The BBC can also bid for the rights for the European cup competitions.

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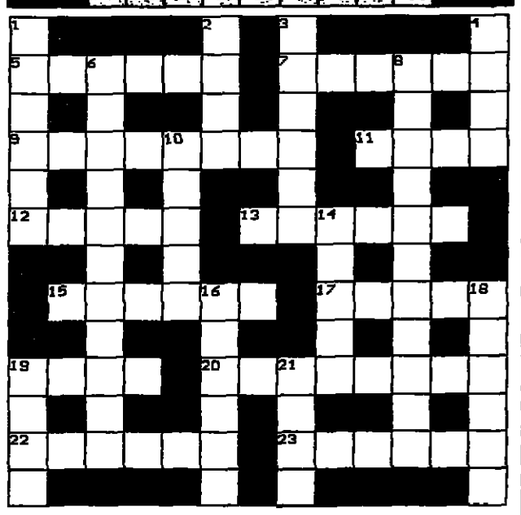
On Tuesday, Sky, in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake, announced a £125 million five-year deal with the Football League.

Negotiations are just starting on televising the FA Carling Premiership, with the present five-year contract expiring in 1997. In 1992, it was worth £304 million in a joint deal between the BBC and Sky.

The BBC has televised every FA Cup Final, either alone or with ITV, since 1938. ITV last screened the final in 1988, when it attracted 4 million viewers with the BBC getting 8.5 million. The 1995 FA Cup Final was shown in more than 120 countries.

It is understood that, out of the £130 million, the BBC paid £15 million for use of highlights, with ITV contributing about £60 million and Sky paying the remainder.

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Graf ready to extend her reign

Stuart Jones talks to the world No 1's coach, who believes talk of her retirement is premature

Fears that Steffi Graf's tennis career may be truncated have been dispelled by her coach, Heinz Gunthardt, whose decision to change his own secondary job had helped to strengthen those suspicions, has now disclosed that the world's No 1 woman player is "more committed than ever".

Gunthardt is to join Eurosport, the satellite television channel, as a commentator next year, a move that suggested that his coaching duties might be curtailed, but he expects to be as busy with Graf as he was this year. Although her troublesome back so restricted her schedule that, midway through the year, she played only in grand slam events, he has seen significant recent development.

"The back problem is by no means fine, but it's manageable and I can't see her retiring soon," Gunthardt said. "The condition she has been in in the past few months, there is no reason why she can't go on for some time. She's more committed than ever, though why I don't even think she knows herself."

He believes that the widely publicised distraction of her father's imprisonment for alleged tax evasion has spurred his charge. "Maybe, when things go wrong in one area, you try to compensate for that," he said. "Perhaps she needed a new motivation as well."

The return of Monica Seles was "not a major factor. Steffi had so many problems that she didn't have the time to focus on anything but herself."

Gunthardt believes that it is Graf's ability to channel her concentration that has been her saviour. "I've never met anyone like her in that respect," he said. "That is why she's a champion. She can block things out so they don't exist. On court, nothing else matters. Her willpower is amazing."

Graf, with virtually no practice on clay, won the French Open title and, with scarcely any practice on grass, became the Wimbledon champion. Shortly afterwards, her father's case was exposed and she has since been besieged, by the German media in particular.

Nevertheless, she went on to take the US Open title and, a fortnight ago, the WTA Tour championship in New York. "There's been no lack of desire since Wimbledon," Gunthardt said, "and that has surprised even me. Where she draws the energy from beats me."

She has had to learn to be independent, too. When he asked Graf whether she wanted to change the weight and balance of her rackets, Gunthardt was astonished by the reply. "It was outrageous," he said. "She had no idea. She'd been told that they were all identical. She'd never had to think for herself."

Although Graf must still choose her schedule with care to protect her back, her coach's appraisal will soothe the concerns of women's tennis. For two years, and without a sponsor, the game lost stature and money partly because of the absence of a rivalry between her and Seles.

They have met only once, in the final of the US Open, during a year that has been dominated by Graf. At the start of it, the German was physically incapable of competing and, in spite of the psychological traumas that she has since suffered, she has ended it with only two defeats in her 49 matches.



Graf: "more committed than ever"



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